



Chip Shots

March 2009

President's Message

Gregor Markel

As we get set to roll into March, the rain is finally here. Love it or hate it, we desperately need it, so prepare for your round accordingly. Tiger Woods is back on the golf course, and according to sports-casters everywhere, he is threatening to take over the 2009 season and relegate all other players to a competition for 2nd before he has swung a club. A pretty impressive feat indeed!

Your golf club has a lot going for it, and one thing we have is the ability to give back to our community and home golf course. We do this through a variety of ways, including our December charity events, and contributions to junior golf. Of the ways our club gives back to its community, one of the most tangible benefits that you, as a golfer, will see and feel, is our local contributions for course improvements at Las Postias. Items such as some of the benches on the course, the kirby markers on the course and the new flag sticks with the laser range finding reflectors built into them are all items the men's club has recently donated. All of these items are donated with the hope that the course, our membership and the general public as a whole will benefit, to enhance and improve the Las Positas experience.

Your board is getting ready to review options for course improvements this year that will again benefit the course and our membership. If you have ideas on the subject, "what would you like to see on the course", let me know by emailing me at pres@laspositasgolf.com. I appreciate all of your input and will bring your ideas to the board at our next meeting. As always, if there are other issues or items related to the club you can contact me at any time. Hit 'em long and straight! ❖

Special Events!!

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There was no meeting for the month of February. The next meeting will be in March. Congratulations to the two teams that qualified in the NCGA 4 ball net Tournament. Eddie Herbert / Tom Byrom with a 2 day total of 119 and Mark Floyd / Gary Tomlinson at 124. Good luck and play well we are all pulling for you. There will be no meeting in April but in May we will start our first putting contest of the year. The contest begins at 5:30 and ends at 6:30 prior to the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Last years champion Pat Moore will be out and looking to hold on to his title. We hope to get some competition out there to give him a run for his money. Those who have not qualified for the Eclectic yet keep on trying. It's well worth a dollar a round to get to the Horserace. Remember that every Tournament you play in you receive 5 points in the Members Cup standings so the more you play the better chance you have of getting in the top 20.

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00 p.m. at Beeb's. Hope to see you there!

Handicap Update

Pat Moore & Eddie Herbert

Just a reminder that since last October, we have been using our Tournament Index System for any handicap adjustments used for our Men's Club tournaments. You can find detailed information on the website, including an explanation of the method on the Handicap Page and the listing of tournament indexes by clicking on the Tournament Index link on the home page. The list is usually updated in the first couple of days of the month. In summary, we keep track of your tournament scores, calculate an index based on those, compare it to your NCGA index, and use the lower of the two. We use most tournament formats, but do exclude some events such as Match Play or Skins, as those kinds of tournaments would not be appropriate for this calculation.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please contact us.

LPMGC Tournament Refund Policy

If you notify the Golf Shop within 48 hours prior to the Tournament that you have to withdraw, you will receive a full refund of your entry fee. If you notify the Golf Shop less than 48 hours prior to the tournament date, but no later than the close of business the day before the tournament that you have to withdraw, only the Green Fee portion of the entry fee will be refunded.

NO SHOWS will receive NO REFUND and the money will go to the Men's Club Funds. Players who do not show for the second day of a two day tournament will be treated as a NO SHOW.

Cancellations the day of the tournament will be considered for a refund of Green Fee only, IF the Golf Shop can find a replacement player. In case of an emergency on the day of the tournament, the player should notify the Golf Shop and may petition the Board, in writing, to request a refund of Green Fee Only.

For more information go to our website at www.laspositasgolf.com

Pro Shop Notes

Jeff DeBenedetti

WHAT IS THE RIGHT BALL FOR ME?

I am asked this question frequently and my answer is different every time.

The way the golf ball companies are these days, they lead you to believe their ball is the best ball on the market. Every golfer is different. Every golfer has different swing, spin rate, and different feel around the greens.

The best way to answer this question is to find the ball that allows the most amount of distance, with the most amount of feel to suit your game. If your handicap is above an 18, there is no reason to be paying \$50 for a dozen golf balls. The Titleist Dt series is a great ball for 80% of the players out there.

Whatever ball you choose, be consistent. How can you expect to be consistent if the ball you hit isn't?

Tournament Reminder!!!!!!!

Perry Mccollom

The **March 14th** 2MBB Skins Tournament is right around the corner, sign up as a team or a single. Get those entries in by **Thursday March 5th** to reserve your spot.

If you haven't notice the Members Cup Points Race is off to a fast start, Alan Casamajor has taken the early lead with Dan DeAngelus hot on his heels. Don't be left behind, let's get out there and play some golf.

Results Page

2 Man Best Ball/NCGA Four Ball Qualifier

Saturday, Feb 7 Results

Player	Gross	15	69		\$62.50
Eddie Herbert	82	14	71	63	\$45.00
Tom Byrom	84	8	72		\$45.00
Mark Floyd	71	11	74	64	\$28.75
Gary Tomlinson	85	14	72		\$28.75
Arlan Felton	79	9	70	64	\$28.75
Pete Iverson	84	12	71		\$28.75
Chris Chelucci	85	14	77	64	\$28.75
Dave Simens	80	8	75		\$28.75
Dave Mercurio	85	16	71	64	\$28.75
Jim Russo	86	11	81		\$28.75
Dennis Boegel	79	9	70	64	\$28.75
Ed Baffico	83	12	71		\$28.75
Tony Madrid	91	14	77	64	\$28.75
George Bonawitz	83	8	75		\$28.75
Wojtek Paczocha	87	16	71	64	\$28.75
Josh Trayner	92	11	81		\$28.75

Sunday, Feb 8 Qualifiers

Player	Gross	Hdcp	Net	Team	2-day Tot
Eddie Herbert	80	12	68	60	119
Tom Byrom	85	14	71		
Mark Floyd	75	5	70	63	124
Gary Tomlinson	88	13	75		

See website for full tournament results

LPMGC Members Point Standings

Pos	Name	Jan		Feb	Total
		17	24	7&8	
1	Casamajor, Alan	15.0	5.0	5.0	25.0
2	DeAngelus, Dan	14.0	5.0	5.0	24.0
3	Herbert, Eddie	7.0	5.0	10.0	22.0
4	Byrom, Tom	5.0	5.0	10.0	20.0
5	Gleason, Bill	14.0		5.0	19.0
6	Floyd, Mark	5.0	5.0	8.0	18.0
7	Tardiff, George	13.0		5.0	18.0
8	Iverson, Pete	5.0	5.0	7.0	17.0
9	Braden, Richard	10.5		5.0	15.5
10	Madrid, Tony	10.5		5.0	15.5
11	Cantu, Joseph	5.3	5.0	5.0	15.3
12	Decena, Paul	5.3	5.0	5.0	15.3
13	Crandall, Bob	5.0	5.0	5.0	15.0
14	Disbrow, Paul	5.0	5.0	5.0	15.0
15	Garfield, James	5.0	5.0	5.0	15.0
16	Geary, Tom	5.0	5.0	5.0	15.0
17	Huerta, Luis	5.0	5.0	5.0	15.0
18	Rentrop, Ron	5.0	5.0	5.0	15.0
19	Rimington, Mike	5.0	5.0	5.0	15.0
20	Scott, Robert	5.0	5.0	5.0	15.0
21	Souza, Ernest	10.0		5.0	15.0
22	Trayner, Josh	5.0	5.0	5.0	15.0

Only top 20 shown, see Website for full Standings

**LAS POSITAS MEN'S CLUB
TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE 2009**

JANUARY	SAT. 17	Individual Medal #
	SAT. 24	Individual Skins
FEBRUARY	SAT. 7 & SUN. 8	NCGA Four-Ball Net Qualifier ** #
MARCH	SAT. 14	2 MBB Skins
	SUN. 22	Individual Medal #
April	18-19 Sat- Sun	East Bay Zone Qualifier #
May	16 (Sat)	4-Man 2-Best Ball #
		Senior Championship/NCGA Senior 4-Ball Qualifier/Regular Men's Club Tournament #
	30 (Sat)	
June	27-28 Sat-Sun	NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier #
		President's Cup (Club Net Championship) ** #
July	11-12 Sat-Sun	
August	8 (Sat)	Member-Guest
	16 (Sun)	Point Par - Stableford #
September	12-13 Sat-Sun	Club Championship * #
October	10 (Sat)	TBD #
	17 (Sat)	TBD #
November	7 (Sat)	2-Man Razzle Dazzle #
	15 (Sun)	Beat the Pro
DECEMBER	SUN. 6	TBD #
	SAT. 12	TBD Annual Charity Event #

** Indicates Major Tournament

Indicates Members Cup event (15 tournaments)

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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 *****

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2009 Meeting Schedule

Gregor Markel

For 2009, the LPMGC will be running the general membership meetings on the following dates

January 7th

March 4th

May 6th (1st Putting Contest)

June 3rd

July 1st

August 5th

September 2nd (Final Putting Contest)

November 4th (Annual Budget and Board Elections for 2010).

All of the meetings will be held at 7:00 pm at Beeb's Bar and Grill at the Las Positas Golf Course.

**LAS POSITAS GOLF COURSE
TOURNAMENTS
2009 LASPO Tournament Schedule**

MARCH	LASPO Skins
MAY	LASPO Junior Benefit
JUNE	LASPO 2-Man Better Ball
SEPTEMBER	LASPO Open

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. Should a member use an item that does not conform to the USGA rules, that player will be disqualified.

Las Positas Men's Club Eclectic 2009

Format: Individual Stroke Play using 100 % of your Current Handicap. Play will go from **January through April**.

Tees: White Tees

Rules: Entry fee, \$1.00 per round

U.S.G.A. Rules of Golf will govern play.

Winter Rules, You may lift clean and place your ball within one club length of where it originally lay, and not nearer the hole, through the green.

Players will use the best net score for each hole on 3 consecutive paid rounds. If a player does not turn in a scorecard, that round and any ongoing rounds will be eliminated (no card). Please contact the golf shop with any questions, 925-455-7820.

Posting: All players are responsible to Post their own score on the Computer in the Golf Shop. Please turn in your Scorecard to the scoring area immediately following your round.

Pace of Play: The Las Positas Men's Club Pace of Play Policy will be enforced. Please keep up with the group in front of you.

Electronic Measuring: Are permitted as long as they **only** calculate distance, not wind or terrain grade.

Tournament

Committee: JEFF DEBENEDETTI & and Golf Shop Staff

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 – 2MAN BB TEAM SKINS

Saturday March 14, 2009

The 2 Man Best Ball Skins tournament gives you and partner 6 opportunities to win. The total of TEAMS Best Ball net score for holes 1-3 and so on will be the teams total for each 3-hole skin. 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 90% of March's course 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, March 5, 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 – 2MAN BB TEAM SKINS

Saturday March 14, 2009

Name _____ Team 1

Name _____ Team 1

Name _____ Team 2

Name _____ Team 2

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 - INDIVIDUAL MEDAL PLAY

Sunday March 22, 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 March's Index.
- 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, March 12, 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

Sunday March 22, 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'