



Chip Shots

April 2009

President's Message

Gregor Markel

April is here, and just as a reminder, we will not hold a meeting this month, but will be back to start our putting contests and regular monthly meetings over the heart of the year in May. We are also at the mid point of our NCGA tournaments for 2009. The next tournament will be our two-day zone qualifier event that will send a team on to the upcoming NCGA events later in the year. These are always fun events to be involved in. It also gives you an idea of what the pros are going through to have to play a multiple day tournament. One round does not make the entire event (but it helps to shape it quite a bit).

Need reasons to get out and play golf, well the Eclectic is still going on, and April is your last chance to get your rounds in! Sign up at the pro shop when you play a normal round of golf at the course. The horserace at the end of the event will be scheduled from all of the qualifying rounds, and is a lot of fun. Take the opportunity to get out there and post a few Eclectic rounds. You can find more information in this edition of the Chip Shots. The LPMGC member's cup is yet another reason you should be out playing in the LPMGC tournaments. You receive points just for showing up, and there isn't a large spread between first and last. This is a fun format that will be completed at the end of the year with a follow-up tournament to determine the member's cup champion. There are details and current standings in the chip shots for your review.

As always, if you have any bright ideas, I want to hear about them. You can email me at pres@laspositasgolf.com.

See you at the clubhouse! ❖

Special Events!!

Tom Geary and Mike Rimington

The March General Membership meeting was held on Wednesday March 4th at Beeb's. There were 13 members present. There will be no meeting for the month of April. Our next meeting will be in May in which time our yearly putting contest will start. Contest will begin at 5:30 and conclude at about 6:30 pm. with the meeting starting at 7:00 pm.

The cost will be \$2 per round. The winners from each month will be in the finals to be held in September. Remember don't give up on trying to qualify for the eclectic horserace. \$1 per round is all it takes plus three good rounds with the right holes, sometimes that can be the harder part. Keep playing in the Tournaments to get points for the member's cup. The point totals can be found on the web and on the club bulletin board outside of Beeb's.

Raffle winners for March

Dick Braden	\$ 20.00
Eddie Herbert	\$ 15.00
Pat Moore	\$ 15.00
Steve Hudson	\$ 10.00

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 6th 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

Repair your ball marks

Perry Mccollom

We have all walked up to a green only to see a half a dozen or so ball marks left by those before us. It takes 10 seconds to repair a ball mark and it leaves the greens in good shape for the next golfer.

When repairing a ball mark stick your repair tool into the outer edge of the ball mark and push tool towards the center of the ball mark. Do not pry by pulling the tool toward yourself, this only separates the green and leaves a bare spot on the green. Work your way around the ball mark until the grass collected at the center leaving a small mound. Tap down with your putter until green is flat.

Reminders!

There is still time to get in those final Eclectic rounds, you have until the end of April.

Our April tournament is a two MBB NCGA East Bay Zone Qualifier on April 18-19
(See entry form on page 7)
Deadline for entry is Thursday April 9, at 5 P.M.

Results Page

The March Individual Medal Tournament had some US Open type scores with the winner of the second flight being over par. Congratulations to Bryant Bischoff and Tim Larsen for winning their flights in their first tournament participation of the year. We have a new leader in the Members Cup Race, Eddie Herbert has over taken Alan Casamajor for the top spot. The course was in absolutely terrific condition with the rough cut a little longer then we're accustomed, hitting fairways was a big plus. Kudos goes out to Course Management and the Maintenance crew for a job well done.

2-Man Best Ball Skins - March 14, 2009

First Flight

Holes 1-3 - 9	Holes 4-6 - 9	Holes 7-9 - 9	Holes 10-12 - 9	Holes 13-15 - 10	Holes 16-18 - 11
Kamiya/Manibo	Geary/Rimington	Herbert/Byrom	Hernandez/LaRouche	Palmer/Moore	Herbert/Byrom
		Higgins/Klotovich	Cozart/Cozart	Baron/Talarico	Geary/Rimington
			Allman/Mero	Hernandez/LaRouche	Allman/Mero
				Gomez/Carr	
				Allman/Mero	
				Morris/Musso	
				Decena/McDermott	
\$34 each	\$34 each	\$17 each	\$11 each	\$5 each	\$11 each
Second Flight					
Holes 1-3 - 10	Holes 4-6 - 10	Holes 7-9 - 9	Holes 10-12 - 9	Holes 13-15 - 9	Holes 16-18 - 11
Carter/B.Simens	Coates/Mejia	Beers/Casali	Wilcox/Wilcox	Wilcox/Wilcox	Vantine/Casamajor
	Thompson/Osean	Coates/Mejia	Vantine/Casamajor	Thompson/Osean	
	Iverson/McCollom	Thompson/Osean	Kelly/Scott		
			Thompson/Osean		
\$34 each	\$11 each	\$11 each	\$9 each	\$17 each	\$34 each

Individual Medal - March 22, 2009

1st Flight - 0-13					Cup pts
Player	Gross	Hdcp	Net	\$\$	
Bryant Bischoff	82	13	69	\$90	15
Joe Cantu	83	13	70	\$70	13
Eddie Herbert	82	11	71	\$50	10
David Simens	79	8	71	\$50	10
Jim Palmer	79	8	71	\$50	10
Steve McConnell	80	6	74	\$30	8
Tom Geary	89	13	76	\$13	6.5
Steve Brocklesby	89	13	76	\$13	6.5
2nd Flight - 14+					Cup pts
Player	Gross	Hdcp	Net	\$\$	
Tim Larsen	89	16	73	\$90	15
Bruce Potter	90	16	74	\$70	13
Mike Citta	94	18	76	\$50	10
Ino Patron	91	15	76	\$50	10
Perry McCollom	91	15	76	\$50	10
Miguel Marsiglia	98	21	77	\$28	7.5
Rick Bischoff	91	14	77	\$28	7.5
Louis Lucivero	103	25	78		6

See website for full results

2009 LPMGC Members Point Standings

Pos	Name	Jan		Feb	Mar		Total
		17	24	7&8	14	22	
1	Herbert, Eddie	7.0	5.0	10.0	5.0	10.0	37.0
2	Casamajor, Alan	15.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	35.0
3	DeAngelus, Dan	14.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	34.0
4	Byrom, Tom	5.0	5.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	30.0
5	Cantu, Joseph	5.3	5.0	5.0		13.0	28.3
6	Geary, Tom	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.5	26.5
7	Mccollom, Perry	5.0	5.0		5.0	10.0	25.0
8	Scott, Robert	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	25.0
9	Gleason, Bill	14.0		5.0		5.0	24.0
10	Patron, Ino	9.0		5.0		10.0	24.0
11	Simens, David	8.0		6.0		10.0	24.0
12	Potter, Bruce		5.0		5.0	13.0	23.0
13	Tardiff, George	13.0		5.0		5.0	23.0
14	Bischoff, Richard	5.0		5.0	5.0	7.5	22.5
15	Iverson, Pete	5.0	5.0	7.0	5.0		22.0
16	Madrid, Tony	10.5		5.0	5.0		20.5
17	Decena, Paul	5.3	5.0	5.0	5.0		20.3

11 tied at 20 points

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)

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 *******

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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 – NCGA EAST BAY ZONE QUALIFIER

Sat. and Sun. April 18-19, 2009

Members Cup Event (Sat)

Two tournaments in one: a regular 2MBB tournament on Saturday only, or play Sat. and Sun. to qualify as our team for the East Bay Zone. The East Bay Zone Championship will be held July 13-14 at Bayonet/Poppy Hills. Zone Championship Aug. 31-Sept. 1 at Spyglass and Poppy. Enter as a two-man team or as a single and we will pair you up. Sunday's prize fees go to the two winning teams to help cover their expenses in Monterey. Their Zone entry fees will also be paid by the club.

Saturday Only: Two-man better ball played at 90% of April's course handicap. Participants must have (5) posted rounds or a handicap established by our handicap chairmen to compete for the prize fund,

flighted, with prize money paid on Saturday's results.

Saturday and Sunday: Two-man better ball played at 90% of course handicap; maximum index, 18.4; players with an index of 18.5 or higher are eligible but must play to the maximum index allowed; 20 posted rounds are required. The two lowest teams will be our East Bay Zone team. A sudden death playoff will be used to break a tie so do not leave the course if you are in the running for the two top teams.

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, April 9, 2009 at 5 P.M.

In the Las Positas Men's Golf Club box at
917 Clubhouse DR.
Livermore, CA 94551
Atten:Tournaments

Entry Fees: Sat. only \$47

Sat. & Sun. \$92

LPMGC – NCGA EAST BAY ZONE QUALIFIER

Members Cup Event (Sat)

Sat. and Sun. April 18-19, 2009

Qualifying? Circle one

Name #1 _____yes no

Name #1 _____yes no

Name #2 _____yes no

Name #2 _____yes no

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 Clearly/Make Checks payable to 'LPMGC'