



# Chip Shots

April 2009

## President's Message

*Gregor Markel*

I would like to extend congratulations and the support of the club as our qualifiers Tom Byrom, Eddie Herbert, Robert Scott and Alan Casamajor get ready to head to Monterrey to represent the LPMGC. Great job, and go get'em gents!

With the start of May, we will be having monthly general membership meetings and a putting contest each month through to the month of September. Come on out early to the meeting and try your hand at earning a few extra dollars with your putting skills.

Let's see if someone can challenge Paul, Pat and Jim this year!

There is a lot of discussion in the media about "being green" and what it truly means these days. The LPMGC has done a small part through the reduction and elimination of its regular print and mail programs a few years ago. This single act reduced our overhead costs, and eliminated the amount of paper product, and electrical demand on the print and mail stream we utilized when putting out hundreds of copies of this newsletter on a monthly basis. There are many more things we as a club can do, but this is a simple start.

I mentioned our first round of qualifying teams, but as a reminder, we are also coming up on the completion of our NCGA qualifying events for 2009 this month and next. If you want a shot at moving on in the NCGA tournaments, time is about to run out. Also just around the corner is our net and gross club championships for 2009. Your opportunity to have your name engraved onto our perpetual trophies that hand up in the pro shop.

See you at the May meeting! ♦

## Special Events!!

*Tom Geary and Mike Rimington*

There was no meeting for the month of April. The next meeting will be on Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup> at Beeb's. Our first putting contest of the year begins prior to the 7:00 meeting with the contest beginning at 5:30 and ending about 6:30. We hope to see the usual faces and hopefully some new ones. This is a great way to meet the members of our club and form some new friendships. Last years champion Pat Moore will be out looking to hold on to his title. Congratulations to the two teams that qualified for the East Bay Zone Tournament. Eddie Herbert / Tom Byrom with a 2 day total of 124 and Robert Scott/ Alan Casamajor at 125. Good luck and play well we are all pulling for you. The Eclectic Horserace finals will be held on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00am. If your one of the lucky ones to have made the cut get yours nerves under control and get ready for a fun time.

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.

## Pro Shop

*Jeff DeBenedetti*

### 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](http://www.laspositasgolf.com)

### Reminders!

Up coming tournaments:

Saturday May 16th  
Two man 2 best ball

Saturday May 30th  
Senior Championship, NCGA Senior Four-Ball Net Qualifier, and, Regular Individual LPMGC Event (three tournaments in one)

Board Meeting Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00  
Putting contest before meeting starting at 5:30 to 6:30

### Quotes:

"I asked Arnold Palmer if he'd ever come close to mastering the game of golf. He said he thought had once for nine holes."

*Fuzzy Zoeller*

## Results Page

Congratulations to Eddie Herbert/Tom Byrom and Alan Casamajor/Robert Scott on winning the two man Best Ball Zone Qualifier, play well guys but most of all have fun.  
Members Cup race is starting to take shape, but there is plenty of golf left to make your move up the Standings. Get out there and play some golf.

### 2 Man Best Ball/NCGA Four Ball Qualifier April 18-19, 2009 Saturday

Place	Team	Score	\$\$ Ea
1	Steve Englebretson/Joe Hince	59	\$89.00
2	Mike Marsiglia/Harry Vantine	60	\$70.00
3	Eddie Herbert/Tom Byrom	62	\$55.00
4	Dave Byron/Bob Crandall	63	\$37.00
4	Fred Bandelow/Kerry Billingsley	63	\$37.00
4	Alan Casamajor/Robert Scott	63	\$37.00
4	Ino Patron/Richard Braun	63	\$37.00
4	Monte Beers (blind draw)	63	\$37.00

#### Qualifiers

Eddie Herbert/Tom Byrom	124
Alan Casamajor/Robert Scott	125

See website for full results.

## 2009 LPMGC Members Point Standings

Pos	Name	Jan		Feb	Mar		Apr	Total
		17	24	7&8	14	22	18	
1	Herbert, Eddie	7.0	5.0	10.0	5.0	10.0	7.0	44.0
2	Casamajor, Alan	15.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.2	40.2
3	Byrom, Tom	5.0	5.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	7.0	37.0
4	DeAngelus, Dan	14.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0		34.0
5	Geary, Tom	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.5	5.0	31.5
6	Scott, Robert	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.2	30.2
7	Mccollom, Perry	5.0	5.0		5.0	10.0	5.0	30.0
8	Patron, Ino	9.0		5.0		10.0	5.2	29.2
9	Gleason, Bill	14.0		5.0		5.0	5.0	29.0
10	Simens, David	8.0		6.0		10.0	5.0	29.0
11	Cantu, Joseph	5.3	5.0	5.0		13.0		28.3
12	Bischoff, Richard	5.0		5.0	5.0	7.5	5.0	27.5
13	Crandall, Bob	5.0	5.0	5.0		5.0	5.2	25.2
14	Garfield, James	5.0	5.0	5.0		5.0	5.0	25.0
15	Palmer, Jim			5.0	5.0	10.0	5.0	25.0
16	Rentrop, Ron	5.0	5.0	5.0		5.0	5.0	25.0
17	Simens, Bob	5.0		5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	25.0
18	Floyd, Mark	5.0	5.0	8.0			5.0	23.0
19	Potter, Bruce		5.0		5.0	13.0		23.0
20	Tardiff, George	13.0		5.0		5.0		23.0

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 4<sup>th</sup>

May 6<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> Putting Contest)

June 3<sup>rd</sup>

July 1<sup>st</sup>

August 5<sup>th</sup>

September 2<sup>nd</sup> (Final Putting Contest)

November 4<sup>th</sup> (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.

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.

Entries for non-computer paired tournaments must include all names in your group and checks for your group.

Withdrawals must be made at least 48 hours in advance. The prize fund fee will not be refunded after 48 hours.

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.

After the tournament pairings have been given to the Pro Shop, all further transactions (inclusions and exclusions) will be handled by the Pro Shop.

Each entrant is responsible for his "tee time", turning in a completed, signed scorecard and posting his adjusted score in the computer.

All rules decisions will be handled by the rules committee which consists of either Jeff DeBenedetti, or his designee.

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.

## 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 4-Man/2 Best Ball Net Tournament**  
**Members Cup Event**  
**Saturday May 16, 2009**

Make up your own four-man team or we will pair you with other members. Participants must have (5) posted rounds or a handicap established by our handicap chairmen to compete for the prize fund. Play at 90% of course handicap, the two low net scores of the four will count as the team score.

Entry Deadline:  
Thursday May 7 at 5:00 P.M.  
In the Las Positas Men's Golf Club box at  
LPMGC  
917 Clubhouse Dr.  
Livermore, CA. 94551  
Atten: Tournaments  
Entry Fees: \$47  
LPMGC 4-Man/2BB Net Tournament  
Saturday May 16, 2009

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Check one - Request not required

- Early, requires front 9 completion in 2 hours or less
- Late

All prize money must be spent by end Oct. 2009  
Make checks payable to LPMGC  
No Cash  
Provide all \$\$\$ for group entries

**Senior Championship**  
**NCGA Senior Four-Ball Net Qualifier**  
**Regular Individual LPMGC Event - MEMBERS CUP EVENT**  
Sat. **May 30, 2009**

Three tournaments in one:

- LPMGC Senior Championship
- Club qualifier for the NCGA Senior Four-Ball Net Championship
- Flighted Low Net tournament open to all

Sign up as a group or individual, and play at 100% of your May's handicap.

Format and qualifications for the Men's Club Senior

Championship: An individual tournament open to all men's club members 50 years or older as of **May 30, 2009**. The Sr. Champion will be the low gross score, all other winners will be low net scores within the individual flights. You must have 20 posted rounds to be the Sr. Champion; five rounds to compete in the net tournament.

Format and qualifications for the NCGA Senior Four-Ball Net

Qualifier: For the NCGA qualifier, you must be 55 years or older by **September 14, 2009**, have 20 posted rounds, play to a maximum handicap index of 18.4, and be able to play in the Sectional tournament **August 5th**, site to be determined, and Championship at Poppy Ridge **September 14-15**. Players with the lowest net scores from those eligible and wishing to qualify in this tournament will be our club's two-man teams (2) in the Sectional. Once a team qualifies, there are no substitutions.

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, **May 21**, at 5:00 P.M. in the LPMGC box at LPMGC  
917 Clubhouse Dr.  
Livermore, CA. 94551  
Attention: TOURNAMENTS  
Entry Fees: \$47

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SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP/NCGA Qualifier/ Individual low net  
Members Cup Event  
Circle one if applicable

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Qualifying

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Qualifying

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Qualifying

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Senior Qualifying

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*

*Provide all \$\$\$ for Group Entries/Make checks payable to LPMGC*

*Checks Only Please*