



Chip Shots

June 2009

President's Message

Gregor Markel

The LPMGC is getting ready to roll into the summer months, and our first major is only short time out. The last NCGA qualifier is coming up this month, so take your shot and see if you can make it to the next level.

The club is doing fiscally well, and we are on pace to meet our budgets again for membership which is a good thing. The club has been able to utilize its club improvement funds to donate the laser friendly flag sticks to the entire course, and will be donating an air compressor to clean up after your round as well. Some of the many things our club does for the community outside of playing golf.

I wanted to say thank you and welcome to all of the new members who made it out to our last general membership meeting. It was great to meet you and see the amount of interest from our new members. As reminders for new and old members, we are now doing our monthly meetings through September, with the putting contests immediately prior to the meetings.

I would like to bring up an old issue and renew it again. With the course in such great shape, we need to do our best to keep it that way. When you are on the greens, fix your ball mark and at least one extra. When you are in the fairway and have access to a seed bottle, fill any surplus divot areas you encounter. We need to lead by example within our group and while golfing with the general public. The City of Livermore has invested a great deal of money to bring this course up to a very high level, and we need to good stewards who ensure it stays that way.

See you at the clubhouse!!! ❖

Special Events!!

Special Events!!

Tom Geary and Mike Rimington

The May General Membership meeting was held on May 6th at Beeb's Sports Bar and Grill. There were 19 members present. We welcomed 3 new members to the meeting. Jim furr, Eddie Morales, and Joel Dias with Jim and Eddie taking part in the putting contest. They seemed to have a good time and hope to see them back next month. As for the putting contest our last years champion Pat Moore again took top honors for the month. Maybe we should have him putt blindfolded!! The Eclectic horserace finals were held on Sunday May 17th. It was another thrill and nerve packed event with the final 2 Steve Brocklesby and Jim Patterson getting to 18 to determine the 2009 champion. Steve Brocklesby came away with the title congratulations Steve. Thanks to Jeff and staff for putting on this fun event for our club. Pictures will soon be available for viewing on the web site.

May Raffle winner

Mike Hasaka	\$25.00
Dick Braden	\$20.00
Gregor Markel	\$15.00
Robert Scott	\$10.00

May Putting Results	Scr	Payout
Pat Moore	31	\$16.00
Jim Palmer	32	\$10.00
Alan Casamajor	32	\$10.00

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

Jeff DeBenedetti

Relax and enjoy.....

This is not a joke.....Some of my best rounds have taken place the morning after a long night. It sounds funny but it's true.

However, it is not what you think! Most people the day after a celebration tend to be very relaxed. This is the effect I am talking about. The more relaxed you are the better you will play.

Tension in the golf game is by far the worst mental and physical condition you can be in to have a successful round of golf. The tighter you grip the club, the less "feel" you will have. If you are stressed at work, think of the golf course as a place you can go to escape your every day life.

And for those of you who get upset at yourself when you miss a short putt remember, you are hopefully out for the enjoyment of the game, not the frustration.

Relax and enjoy.....

Reminders!

Up coming Tournaments:

June 27-28 [NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier](#)

General Members/Board Meeting Wednesday
May 3rd 7:00, Putting contest starts at 5:30

Quotes:

"I always wanted to force the outcome, make something happen. Sometimes you have to let the event unfold in front of you and attack when opportunities are there. It's hard to accept that some things are not in your control."

Notah Begay

Two tour titles in 1999 rookie year.

Operations
Las Positas Golf Course
(Livermore Golf Management Corporation / Course Co.)

1. Greens
 - a. Aerified Championship Course at the end of March; Executive Course at the beginning of April
 - b. Gypsum applied
 - c. Wetting agent applied
 - d. Verticutting greens to reduce thatch and improve playability on a bi-weekly basis; one heavy, one light
 - e. Top dressed greens twice to improve playability
 - f. Applied fungicide to control turf grass disease
 - g. Applying growth regulator bi-weekly to control seed heads and growth
2. Collars/Approaches
 - a. Aerified both courses in April
 - b. Verticutting collars on a weekly basis
 - c. Continued mowing as needed
3. Tees
 - a. Aerified both courses in April
 - b. Seeded and top dressed divots and bare areas on all tees
 - c. Continued mowing as needed
4. Fairways
 - a. Fairways have been sliced
 - b. Applied Gypsum
 - c. Continued mowing as needed
 - d. Continued use of ropes to control traffic
 - e. Mowing fairways at 1/2"
5. Roughs
 - a. Continued mowing as needed
6. Bunkers
 - a. Continued bunker cultivation every 4 weeks
 - b. Applied growth regulator to the bunker edges
 - c. Edging or touch-up to bunkers being done on a monthly basis
7. Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
 - a. Chemical control applied to tree basins.
 - b. Continued mechanical control of gophers
 - c. Chemical control of snails has been applied to numerous landscape beds
8. Irrigation
 - a. Repaired numerous leaks and continued raising low heads
 - b. Have started to spot water on a daily basis
9. Clubhouse & Parking Lot
 - a. Summer annuals have been installed, along with a few perennials
 - b. Control of weeds, through chemical and mechanical methods, being done as needed
10. Lakes
 - a. Lake banks being trimmed on an as-needed basis
 - b. Applied growth regulator to lake banks
11. Driving Range & Practice Area
 - a. Seeded and top dressed divots and worn areas on weekly basis
 - b. Rotated ropes on range tee as needed, to ensure proper wear and provide a good practice surface
12. Miscellaneous
 - a. N/A

Results Page

Congratulations to Jim Palmer, Eddie Herbert, Steve McConnell, and Pat Moore for winning the 4 Man 2 Best Ball Tournament on May 16th. The May 30th tournament results will be in the July Chipshot.

Eddie Herbert continues to lead the Members Cup Race with a commanding lead of 13.8 points, Alan Casamajor is second and Tom Byrom is in the third spot.

4-Man, 2 Best Ball Results - 5/16/09

Player	Net	Player	Net	Player	Net	Player	Net	Team	\$\$ Each	Cup Pts
Jim Palmer	64	Eddie Herbert	70	Steve McConnell	73	Pat Moore	78	121	\$70	5
William Strobel	69	Dennis Carr	72	Aaron Lee	72	George Gomez	73	123	\$55	3
Ed Baffico	67	Bob Crandall	68	Dennis Boegel	71	Bruce Potter	78	124	\$40	
Walt Ehlers	71	Chris Chelucci	72	Jim French	72	Dave Simens	74	125	\$35	
John Zehnder	71	Tim Larsen	72	Bob Fulton	78	Fred Fulton	87	126	\$20	
Rick Bischoff	69	Bryant Bischoff	71	Paul Senft	71	Ben Murray	72	126	\$20	
Joe Hernandez	71	Steve Hudson	72	Eddy Morales	84	Jim Furr	94	127		
Steve Santos	71	Mitch Carter	73	Takao Kuboniwa	74	Larry Coppa	78	128		
Robert Marks	72	Mike Fonseca	76	Robert Scott	77	George Tardiff	82	130		
James Wilcox	71	Scott Wilcox	76	Dean Wilcox	78	Mike Citta	80	130		
Graham Talaber	70	Richard Braun	72	Ino Patron	76	David Talaber	81	131		
Steve Constable	75	Neil Cowles	76	Gary Schulte	78	Jay Felch	81	131		
Pete Iversen	74	Bob Simens	75	Steve Pribble	76	Perry McCollom	80	131		
Gary Liggett	73	Larry Morris	74	Paul Decena	75	Paul Disbrow	84	135		
Joe Cantu	74	Dick Braden	80	Don Sturtz	83	Rich Harford	84	136		
Tom Geary	71	Josh Trayner	77	Jerry Trayner	81	Mike Rimington	93	142		
Total Prize Fund									\$960	

2009 LPMGC Members Point Standings Top 20

Pos	Name	Jan		Feb	Mar		Apr		May		Total
		17	24	7&8	14	22	18	16	30		
1	Herbert, Eddie	7.0	5.0	10.0	5.0	10.0	7.0	10.0			54.0
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	Geary, Tom	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.5	5.0	5.0			36.5
5	Scott, Robert	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.0			35.2
6	Mccollom, Perry	5.0	5.0		5.0	10.0	5.0	5.0			35.0
7	Palmer, Jim			5.0	5.0	10.0	5.0	10.0			35.0
8	Patron, Ino	9.0		5.0		10.0	5.2	5.0			34.2
9	DeAngelus, Dan	14.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0					34.0
10	Simens, David	8.0		6.0		10.0	5.0	5.0			34.0
11	Cantu, Joseph	5.3	5.0	5.0		13.0		5.0			33.3
12	Bischoff, Richard	5.0		5.0	5.0	7.5	5.0	5.0			32.5
13	Crandall, Bob	5.0	5.0	5.0		5.0	5.2	5.0			30.2
14	Moore, Pat		5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0		10.0			30.0
15	Simens, Bob	5.0		5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0			30.0
16	Gleason, Bill	14.0		5.0		5.0	5.0				29.0
17	Potter, Bruce		5.0		5.0	13.0		5.0			28.0
18	Tardiff, George	13.0		5.0		5.0		5.0			28.0
19	Iverson, Pete	5.0	5.0	7.0	5.0			5.0			27.0
20	Chelucci, Chris	5.0		6.0		5.0	5.0	5.0			26.0

See Website for complete 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 #
	18-19 Sat- Sun	East Bay Zone Qualifier #
April	16 (Sat)	4-Man 2-Best Ball #
May		Senior Championship/NCGA Senior 4-Ball Qualifier/Regular Men's Club Tournament #
June	30 (Sat)	NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier #
	27-28 Sat-Sun	President's Cup (Club Net Championship) ** #
July	11-12 Sat-Sun	Member-Guest
August	8 (Sat)	Point Par - Stableford #
	16 (Sun)	Club Championship * #
September	12-13 Sat-Sun	TBD #
October	10 (Sat)	TBD #
	17 (Sat)	2-Man Razzle Dazzle #
November	7 (Sat)	Beat the Pro
	15 (Sun)	TBD #
December	SUN. 6	TBD Annual Charity Event #
	SAT. 12	

** 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

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.

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.

2009 Las Positas Tournament Schedule

MARCH	LASPO Skins
MAY	LASPO Junior Benefit
JUNE	LASPO 2-Man Better Ball
SEPT	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 - NCGA NET AMATEUR QUALIFIER

Members Cup Event (Sat)

June 27-28, 2009

This individual tournament is two in one: You can compete in Saturday's men's club tournament or both days if you wish to try to qualify for the NCGA event. Play will be at 100% handicap. Lap money for Sunday. Entry prize money for Sunday will be used to send the 4 low-net qualifiers to the NCGA Qualifier.

Saturday only: 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.

NCGA Qualifier: You must have 20 posted rounds to play in the NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier. Qualifiers should be able to play in the Qualifier on September 27th (location to be determined) and the Championship on **October 26-27** at Poppy Hills. You must declare your intent to try to qualify on the entry form below.

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, June 18 at 5:00 P.M.

In the LPMGC box at
LPMGC

917 Clubhouse Dr.

Livermore, CA. 94551

Atten: TOURNAMENTS

Entry Fees: Sat . only \$47/Sat .-Sun. \$92

LPMGC - NCGA NET AMATEUR QUALIFIER

Members Cup Event

June 27-28, 2009

Qualifying

Name _____ Yes No

Name _____ Yes No

Name _____ Yes No

Name _____ 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

Provide all \$\$\$ for Group Entries

Checks Only Please!!!

Make Checks Payable to 'LPMGC'