



# Chip Shots

July 2009

## President's Message

*Gregor Markel*

First order of business for this month's message is to say Congratulations to a whole host of club members starting with a belated congrats to our 2009 Eclectic winner, Steve Brocklesby. Steve was able to out-last and out-chip and out-luck the competition for a victory. Next up, I want to congratulate Bob Gennoy our Senior Champion. Bob won the title with a three stroke victory over two other competitors. Way to go Bob! Final congratulations go out to Jim Palmer, Wade Diebner, Harry Vantine and Bob Gennoy our NCGA Senior Qualifiers. Good luck at the next level gentlemen.

The first of our club champions will be crowned this month when the President's Cup is held on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. This is your opportunity to get your name permanently etched onto the LPMGC perpetual trophy, so come out and give it a run.

I know I have sent out a few emails on the subject, but want to remind everyone that there are still two vacancies for the City of Livermore greens committee. The LPMGC is represented by our greens committee chairman, but we could use more member support. The greens committee discusses and reviews issues related to the operations and maintenance of the two City golf courses and reports back to the City Council with recommendations. This is an opportunity to have a very "loud" voice in what is going on with your course in your community. If you are a resident of Livermore and have any interest at all, please contact Jeff Shafer. For more information you can visit the City website at:

[http://www.ci.livermore.ca.us/boards/gcg\\_info.html](http://www.ci.livermore.ca.us/boards/gcg_info.html)

See you on the links!!!❖

## Special Events !!

*Tom Geary and Mike Rimington*

The June General Membership meeting was held on June 3rd at Beeb's Sports Bar and Grill. There were 15 members present. One of the two finalist in the Eclectic Horserace was Brent Patterson not Jim Patterson as stated in last months chip shots. Mike Lisle edged out the team of Pat Moore and Jim Palmer to win Junes putting contest. Come on out in July and join the fun. Robert Scott cleaned up in the raffle winning two spots for a total of \$35.00. Our rules Guru Paul Senft will be at the July meeting to give one of his very informative rules seminars. If you have a questions on any rules come to the meeting and I'm sure Paul can give you an answer.

### June Raffle winner

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|-------------------|---------|
| 1. Robert Scott   | \$25.00 |
| 2. Alan Casamajor | \$15.00 |
| 3. Ben Murray     | \$10.00 |

### June Putting Contest

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|---------------|----|---------|
| 1. Mike Lisle | 30 | \$20.00 |
| 2. Pat Moore  | 32 | \$10.00 |
| 3. Jim Palmer | 32 | \$10.00 |

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday July 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Beeb's. Hope to see you there! Putting contest prior to the meeting begins at 5:30.

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

## Pro Shop

Jeff DeBenedetti

### HELP US HELP YOU.....

Las Positas Golf Course is in the great condition right now. If you haven't been out in a while come check it out. The greens are smooth and at a good speed. The fairways and tees are in great shape also.

With saying that I only have one request from our fellow golfers, **help us help you**. What I mean by this is please remember to replace divots, rake the traps when you have hit out of them, and most importantly repair your ball marks on the greens. A ball mark repaired immediately takes two (2) days to recover. A ball mark repaired after time can take up to two (2) weeks.

We teach our Junior's to repair their ball marks on each green and two others. If they don't hit the green repair three (3).

With your help Las Positas can continue to improve and make your round as well as others more enjoyable.

### Reminder's!!

Next **General Meeting** will be Wednesday July 1st 7:00pm at Beeb's, with the putting contest starting at 5:30.

#### Upcoming Tournaments:

Presidents Cup (Low Net Championship)  
July 11-12 - Entry deadline is Thursday July 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
This is a Members Cup event.

**Twilight League** plays every other Thursday, next Thursday (July 2nd) will be a Two Man Alternate Shot. Call the Golf shop to reserve your spot and come out and join the fun.

### Golf Quotes:

"The difference in golf and government is that in golf you can't improve your lie."  
George Deukmejian

"Reverse every natural instinct and do the opposite of what you are inclined to do, and you will probably come very close to having a perfect golf swing."  
Ben Hogan

**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

The NCGA Net Amateur Qualifiers are Tom Byron, Perry Mccollom, Mike McCory And Mike Debenedetti. Mike Debenedetti beat Chris Chelucci in a sudden death playoff for the fourth and final spot.

Due to this tournament being so late in the month the full June 27-28 tournament results will only be posted on the website.

June Members Cup results will also be post on the website.

### Saturday Results

#### Flight 1

Joe Cantu	64	\$63
Mike McCory	67	\$50
Arlan Felton	68	\$40
Joe Hernandez	71	\$30
Ed Mero	72	\$25
Len Taniguchi	73	\$20
Dennis Carr	73	\$20

#### Flight 2

Perry McCollom	64	\$63
Tom Byron	65	\$50
Stan Budd	67	\$40
Mike Debenedetti	68	\$27.50
Pete Iverson	68	\$27.50
Chris Chelucci	70	\$20
Ron Rentro	70	\$20

Lap Money                      George Kanto                      65                      \$20

### 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
	30 (Sat)	4-Ball Qualifier/Regular Men's Club Tournament #
June	27-28 Sat-Sun	NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier #
		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  
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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.

## **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 - PRESIDENT'S CUP / Net Champion

July 11 & 12, 2009

## MEMBERS CUP EVENT

The President's Cup tournament is a major tournament requiring 20-posted rounds. It is a two-day individual medal play net tournament. The winner is our club NET CHAMPION! Players will be re-paired for the Sunday round.

Closest to holes Prize

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, July 2 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 Fee: \$92

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### LPMGC - PRESIDENT'S CUP ENTRY

July 11 & 12, 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 Names Clearly*

*Provide all \$\$\$ for Group Entries*

*Checks Only Please !!!*

*Make Check(s) Payable to 'LPMGC'*