



Chip Shots

August 2009

President's Message

Gregor Markel

It has been a while since I have seen a putt that important or compelling, and I couldn't help but sit and yell at the TV while the ball didn't come close to the hole. When Tom Watson lined up his putt on the 72nd hole of the British Open, he was on the brink of something huge and you could feel it. Unfortunately he could too and his normally smooth and beautiful stroke was reduced to a balky thing that reminded me more of my swing than his. It didn't help having me say, "I could have done that!" as well. I am pretty sure what he did on the following playoff holes was something I would have done as well. Sorry Tom. It was nice to see a PGA major come down to the final hole and hinge on one 6-foot putt, and stunningly it wasn't Tiger Woods doing the putting (he didn't even make the cut!). Golf is a fickle thing, but I love it. One final footnote to the champion of the golf tournament, I am not sure if you saw the David Letterman show following the tournament, but Stuart Cink was on and had a few zingers in the "top 10" worth repeating.

#6 - I called Tiger Woods last night, I laughed, and I hung up!

#1 - Even I was rooting for Tom Watson!

Speaking of Champions, I want to say congratulations to Ken Taniguchi, our President's Cup Champion. Ken will have his name permanently etched onto the perpetual trophy on display in the pro shop. Unlike Tom Watson, Ken was able to capture the crown with a few strokes to spare. Way to go Ken!

We have some great tournaments coming up including our member - guest tournament. Now is the time, while the weather seems to have retreated pleasantly from the 110 degree mark, to get out on the course and have some fun. You can find the entire tournament schedule and entry forms in this edition of the chip shots.

I hope everyone is having a great summer, and I hope to see each of you at the clubhouse!!❖

Special Events !!

Tom Geary and Mike Rimington

The July General Membership meeting was held July 1st at Beeb's Sports Bar and Grill. There were 14 members present. Thanks to Paul Seneft who gave us one of his rules seminars on bunker play, as usual he came up with some good ones. Congratulations to Ken Taniguchi who won this years Presidents Cup Tournament. We have two more months left in our yearly putting contest. The finals will be held during our September event. So far we have 5 members in the finals. There is still time to get your name in this group. Members cup points and standings can be found on the web site and on the club bulletin board. Alan Casamajor cleaned up in the raffle winning two spots for a total of \$40.00. We hope to see some new faces at the next meeting!!

July Raffle winner

Alan Casamajor \$25.00
Rick Bischoff \$15.00
Alan Casamajor \$15.00
Pat Moore \$10.00

Putting Results

		SCORE	
1 st	Pat Moore	32	\$11.00
	Robert Scott	32	\$11.00
	Paul Disbrow	32	\$11.00

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

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 August 5th 7:00 pm at Beeb's, with the putting contest starting at 5:30.

Upcoming Tournaments:

Member Guest August 8th This is chance to invite a non-member friend or Family member to join the fun. Format will be a two man better ball. Deadline is July 30th 5:00pm

Point/Par/ Stableford

August 16th

Scoring: 8 Points for a double eagle; 5 Points for eagle; 2 Points for birdie; 0 points for par; -1 point for bogey or worse.

Deadline is August 6th 5:00pm

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 woods are full of long drivers.

~ Harvey Penick

Golf is 20 percent talent and 80 percent management.

~ Ben Hogan

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

Golf Course Maintenance (Livermore Golf Management Corporation / CourseCo)

1. Greens
 - a. Verticutting greens 2 to 3 times per week
 - b. Applying gypsum monthly
 - c. Applying wetting agent monthly
 - d. Topdressing greens monthly
 - e. Applied fungicide to control turf grass disease
 - f. Growth regulator applied every two weeks
 - g. Spot aerified weak areas on select greens
 - h. Greens have been flushed once
2. Collars/Approaches
 - a. Verticutting collars 2 to 3 times per month
 - b. Continued mowing as needed
3. Tees
 - a. Growth regulator applied
 - b. Divots filled regularly with sand and seed
 - c. Continued mowing as needed
4. Fairways
 - a. Slicing of stressed areas in fairways ongoing
 - b. Continued mowing as needed
 - c. Continued use of ropes to control traffic
5. Roughs
 - a. Continued mowing as needed
6. Bunkers
 - a. Continued bunker cultivation every 4 weeks
 - b. Applying growth regulator to the bunker edges every 3 to 4 weeks
 - 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
 - d. Broadleaf control to native areas
 - e. Several dead trees removed from the left hand rough of 16
8. Irrigation
 - a. Repaired numerous leaks and continued raising low heads
 - b. Installed several quick couplers to improve spot watering on the block system
 - c. Hand and spot watering daily
 - d. Low pruning of branches blocking irrigation is ongoing
9. Clubhouse & Parking Lot
 - a. Control of weeds, through chemical and mechanical methods, being done as needed
 - b. Shrubs and trees are being trimmed and pruned as needed
 - c. Landscape beds being kept free of weeds and debris as needed
10. Lakes
 - a. Lake banks being trimmed on an as-needed basis
 - b. Chemical control of algae in lakes as needed
 - c. Chemical control of cattails in lakes as needed
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 Ken Taniguchi, our 2009 President's Cup Champion. Ken had a two day score of 8 under par with a nice 136. Dave Simens and Pete Iverson were able to hold off a charging field to take there flights by one stroke.

Alan Casamajor has retaken the lead in the Members Cup race, nipping Eddie Herbert by 1.2 points. The race is on with 6.3 points separating 1st and 7th. With 5 months left it's not to late to make your move, get out there and play some golf. See website for full tournament results and Members Cup Standings.

July 13-14 Presidents Cup Results

	Player	Hdcp	Sat Gross	Sat Net	Sun Gross	Sun Net	Total Net	\$\$	Cup Pts
Champion									
1	Ken Taniguchi	7	76	69	74	67	136	\$100.00	15
First Flight - 13 and less									
2	Dave Simens	9	75	66	81	72	138	\$85.00	13
3	Walt Ehlers	13	84	71	81	68	139	\$60.00	10.5
4	Ed Baffico	11	83	72	78	67	139	\$60.00	10.5
5	Tom Byrom	13	85	72	81	68	140	\$45.00	9
6	George Gomez	2	72	70	75	73	143	\$33.00	7.5
7	Bob Crandall	11	83	72	82	71	143	\$33.00	7.5
8	Doug Hattori	8	77	69	84	76	145	\$15.00	5.33
9	Steve Hudson	13	86	73	85	72	145	\$15.00	5.33
10	Josh Trayner	13	89	76	82	69	145	\$15.00	5.33
2nd Flight - 14+									
1	Pete Iverson	16	84	68	88	72	140	\$85.00	15
2	Alan Casamajor	18	86	68	91	73	141	\$60.00	12
3	Rich Harford	24	94	70	95	71	141	\$60.00	12
4	Ron Rentrop	14	84	70	86	72	142	\$40.00	9.5
5	Mike Citta	20	92	72	90	70	142	\$40.00	9.5
6	Robert Marks	19	89	70	92	73	143	\$28.00	7.5
7	Paul Senft	14	89	75	82	68	143	\$28.00	7.5
8	Mitch Tirado	32	103	71	105	73	144	\$14.00	5.5
9	Perry McCollom	14	90	76	82	68	144	\$14.00	5.5

2009 LPMGC Members Point Standings

Pos	Name	Jan		Feb	Mar		Apr	May		June	July	Total
		17	24	7	14	22	18	16	30	17	11&12	
1	Casamajor, Alan	15.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.2		8.0	5.0	12.0	65.2
2	Byrom, Tom	5.0	5.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	7.0		5.0	13.0	9.0	64.0
3	Herbert, Eddie	7.0	5.0	10.0	5.0	10.0	7.0	10.0	5.0		5.0	64.0
4	Simens, David	8.0		6.0		10.0	5.0	5.0	12.0	5.0	13.0	64.0
5	Mccollom, Perry	5.0	5.0		5.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	8.0	15.0	5.5	63.5
6	Cantu, Joseph	5.3	5.0	5.0		13.0		5.0	6.5	15.0	5.0	59.8
7	Iverson, Pete	5.0	5.0	7.5	5.0			5.0	8.0	9.0	15.0	59.5
8	Scott, Robert	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.0	11.5	5.0	5.0	56.7
9	Palmer, Jim			5.0	5.0	10.0	5.0	10.0	15.0		5.0	55.0
10	Geary, Tom	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.5	5.0	5.0	11.0		5.0	52.5
11	Chelucci, Chris	5.0		6.0		5.0	5.0	5.0	13.0	7.5	5.0	51.5
12	Gleason, Bill	14.0		5.0		5.0	5.0		10.0	6.0	5.0	50.0
13	Trayner, Josh	5.0	5.0	5.0			5.0	5.0	15.0	5.0	5.0	50.0
14	Bischoff, Richard	5.0		5.0	5.0	7.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	47.5
15	Senft, Paul	5.0		5.0		5.0	5.0	5.0	9.0	5.0	7.5	46.5
16	Ehlers, Walter		5.0			5.0	5.0	5.0	6.5	5.0	11.5	43.0
17	Tardiff, George	13.0		5.0		5.0		5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	43.0
18	Carr, Dennis		5.0	5.0	5.0			8.0	12.0	7.5		42.5
19	Rentrop, Ron	5.0	5.0	5.0		5.0	5.0			7.5	9.5	42.0
20	Bischoff, Bryant					15.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	40.0
21	Moore, Pat		5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0		10.0	5.0		5.0	40.0

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	30 (Sat)	Senior Championship/NCGA Senior 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)
For Presidents Cup and Club Championship, Points awarded for two day finish.

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.

2009 Las Positas Tournament Schedule

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

Las Positas Men's Club Twilight League Schedule & Rules

- To begin May 7th 2009
- 9-Hole Tournaments every other Thursday
- Fees will be Twilight Rate (\$17.00) + \$6.00 prize fund = \$23.00
- Prize Fund will be split, \$5.00 weekly & \$1.00 for the Championship
- Sign up through the Golf Shop
- Players may sign up as a Single, or as a group up to 4
- Top 20 and Ties on the "Official Twilight Money List" will Eligible for the Championship

May 7 2-Man Scramble
 21 Individual Stroke

June 4 2-Man Better Ball
 18 Individual Stroke

July 2 2-Man Alternate Shot
 16 Individual Skins
 30 2-Man Shamble

August 13 3 Clubs & a Putter
 27 2-Man Net, Net

Sept 10 2-Man Scramble Skins
 24 CHAMPIONSHIP (Individual
 Horse Race)

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 MEMBER-GUEST TOURNAMENT

Sat., August 8, 2009

Members Cup Participation Points Awarded

The Member-Guest tournament gives you and your guest the opportunity to have fun and compete for prize money in a two-person better ball event at Las Positas! Bring a friend or family member. They or you don't have a handicap? Not to worry; there will be a blind bogey flight for teams with one or both players without a USGA handicap!

Play will be at 90% of August's USGA or blind bogey handicap

- Closest to holes
- Tee prize for ALL
- Lunch & beverage included
- 7:00 am SHOTGUN START

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, July 30 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: \$60

Member / Guest Tournament

Sat., August 8, 2008

Member Name _____

Guest Name _____ GHIN# or BB _____

Member Name _____

Guest Name _____ GHIN# or BB _____

All prize money must be spent by end of OCT. 2009

Please Print Names Clearly

Provide all \$\$\$ for Group Entries

Checks Only Please !!!

Make Checks Payable to 'LPMGC'

POINT PAR / STABLEFORD TOURNAMENT

Sunday August 16, 2008

Members Cup Event

The Point Par / Stableford tournament gives you the opportunity to compete against the field on a point-based scoring system called modified Stableford. This scoring system rewards risk taking. For example net scores of one birdie plus one bogey is worth more points (+1) than two pars (0), and double bogey or worse counts the same as a bogey! Participants must have (5) posted rounds or a handicap established by our handicap director to compete for prize fund money.

- Play will be at 100% of handicap.
- 8 Points for a double eagle; 5 Points for eagle; 2 Points for birdie; 0 points for par; -1 point for bogey or worse.

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, August 6 at 5:00 P.M.

In the Las Positas Men's Golf Club Box at
LPMGC

917Clubhouse DR.

Livermore, CA. 94551

Atten: TOURNAMENTS

Entry Fees: \$47

POINT PAR / STABLEFORD TOURNAMENT

Sunday August 16, 2008

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

Checks Only Please !!!

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