



Chip Shots

September 2009

President's Message

Gregor Markel

So I was sitting here, staring at the pine trees, listening to the wind slide through the branches, making that unforgettable quiet whisper of a sound, and I was thinking, ".what am I going to write for my President's message this month?." Then it struck me, vacation is a great way to spend your time, and golf is a great thing to integrate into any vacation!

Sadly, I didn't manage to do that this time, not that watching my three-year-old toss sticks into a lake for our dog wasn't enough fun. But for those of you who can't get enough of our cherished game, and need to combine pine trees with golf, here are some helpful ideas. In the mountains of Northern California / Northern Nevada we have some of the nicest golf courses you can play from late spring – early fall (just avoid the snow months as it isn't much fun – I guess that depends upon the number of cocktails you have had). Websites like the following:

http://www.greenskeeper.org/northern_california/golf_courses/

http://www.thingstodo.com/states/CA/golfcourses_north.htm

http://www.tahoebest.com/Golf/golf_courses.htm

all give you ideas and locations for courses you can play. I have made trips up to the Graeagle, Tahoe and Carson City areas to play golf, and there are great courses such as Genoa Lakes, Whitehawk Ranch, and Coyote Moon just to name a few. My personal favorite is still The Dragon at Gold Mountain, but it appears to be undergoing ownership changes so I don't know if you can even play the course currently. If you get the opportunity to get up to the mountains to play some golf, I would encourage it. If nothing else, the altitude does wonders for making you think you really can drive it as far as Tiger Woods. ☺

Enjoy the end of you summer and get golfing!!! ❖

Special Events !!

Tom Geary and Mike Rimington

The August General Membership meeting was held on August 5th at Beeb's Sports Bar and Grill. There were 15 members present. The September meeting will be our final putting contest of the year. The contest will begin a half hour earlier at 5:00 with the championship round starting at 6:15. These members have so far qualified. Pat Moore, Mike Lisle, Robert Scott, Paul Disbrow, Rick Bischoff, and Jim Palmer. It looks to be a real shootout. There is still time to get your name added to this list!! There will be no meeting for the month of October. The next meeting after September will be in November at which time the 2010 budget will be discussed and board elections will take place. This club does not run on it's own. We always welcome anyone to run for a board position. New faces and ideas our what keep this club going.

August Raffle winner

Gregor Markel	\$25.00
Paul Disbrow	\$15.00
Pat Moore	\$15.00
Steve Hudson	\$10.00

Putting Results	SCORE
1 st Rick Bischoff	31 \$15.00
Jim Palmer	31 \$15.00
Alan Casamajor	32 \$8.00

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 Sept 2th 7:00 pm at Beeb's, with the final putting contest of the year starting at 5:30.

Upcoming Tournaments:

September 12-13 Club Championship
Deadline is September 3rd 5:00pm

Twilight League

Plays every other Thursday, next chance to join in the fun is September 10th.
Call the Golf shop to reserve your spot and come out and join the fun.

Golf Quotes:

They say golf is like life, but don't believe them. golf is more complicated than that.
--Gardner Dickinson

The older you get the stronger the wind gets... and it's always in your face.
-- Jack Nicklaus

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

Member Guest tournament was a lot of fun with some great prizes and a very nice lunch. Obata Kimimichi and Obata Noriko won the Handicap Flight and Mike Rimington and Nick Hewko winning the Blind Bogie Flight, Congratulations Guy's! Thanks to Jeff DeBenedetti and his staff as well as Beeb's for making this a fun event.

There has been a shake up at the top of the Members Cup Standing with Tom Byron taking over the lead and several others making a serious move on the top spot. With four months remaining in the season there's still time to move up and into the top twenty or higher so get out and play.

August 8 - Member Guest Tournament

Handicap Flight					Blind Bogey Flight				
Player	Gross	Hdcp	Net	Team	\$\$\$	Player	Gross	Team	\$\$\$
Kimimichi Obata	94	19	75	60	\$45.00	Mike Rimington	79	64	\$45.00
Noriko Obata	101	26	75		\$45.00	Nick Hewko	87		\$45.00
George Gomez	70	1	69	61	\$35.00	Bill Gleason	79	66	\$37.50
Dick Bulmer	83	11	72		\$35.00	Wayne Croteau	118		\$37.50
Dick Braden	88	17	71	61	\$35.00	Eddie Herbert	77	67	\$32.50
Robert Carey	92	24	68		\$35.00	Bill Page	102		\$32.50
Rich Harrell	111	27	84	62	\$25.00	Wojtek Paczocha	109	68	\$27.50
Jesus Perez	80	11	69		\$25.00	Peter Hypnar	97		\$27.50
Perry McCollom	85	12	73	62	\$25.00	Tom Byrom	87	75	\$22.50
Jerry Clem	83	15	68		\$25.00	Ed Sermone	85		\$22.50
Randy Smith	106	23	83	64	\$17.50	Josh Trayner	81	70	\$17.50
Larry Yamada	98	22	75		\$17.50	George Brown	118		\$17.50
Jim Fuchs	88	12	76	65	\$10.00	Tom Geary	89	71	\$10.00
Alan Brooks	86	16	70		\$10.00	Bob Burt	114		\$10.00
Pat Moore	79	7	72	66	\$10.00	Mike Hasaka	108	71	\$10.00
Craig Herendeen	92	18	74		\$10.00	John Bost	90		\$10.00

Flight 1

Pos	Player	Points	Prize
1	Fred Bandelow	20	\$70
2	Joe Cantu	13	\$50
3	Ernie Souza	12	\$40
4	Tom Geary	9	\$30
5	Dennis Boegel	8	\$30
6	Randy Talarico	5	\$0
7	George Gomez	4	\$0
8	Mike Barron	3	\$0
8	Ken Taniguchi	3	\$0

Flight 2

Pos	Player	Points	Prize
1	Bruce Hoff	11	\$70
2	Bruce Tolanco	10	\$50
3	Tom Byrom	8	\$40
4	Paul Senft	6	\$30
5	Perry McCollom	4	\$30
6	Robert Scott	2	\$0
7	Mike Rimington	1	\$0
8	Bryant Bischoff	-1	\$0
8	Rick Bischoff	-1	\$0

Flight 3

Pos	Player	Points	Prize
1	Rich Harford	16	\$70
2	Tom Kelly	14	\$50
3	Bruce Potter	13	\$40
4	Steve Shaffer	10	\$30
5	Mike Citta	9	\$30
6	Mike Tracy	6	\$0
7	Robert Marks	5	\$0
8	Dick Braden	3	\$0
8	Art Watson	3	\$0

2009 LPMGC Members Point Standings

Pos	Name	Jan		Feb	Mar	Apr			May	June	July	Aug		Total
		17	24	7	14	22	18	16	30	17	11&12	8	16	
1	Byrom, Tom	5.0	5.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	7.0		5.0	13.0	9.0	5.0	11.0	80.0
2	Mccollom, Perry	5.0	5.0		5.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	8.0	15.0	5.5	5.0	9.0	77.5
3	Cantu, Joseph	5.3	5.0	5.0		13.0		5.0	6.5	15.0	5.0		13.0	72.8
4	Casamajor, Alan	15.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.2		8.0	5.0	12.0	5.0		70.2
5	Scott, Robert	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.2	5.0	11.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	8.0	69.7
6	Herbert, Eddie	7.0	5.0	10.0	5.0	10.0	7.0	10.0	5.0		5.0	5.0		69.0
7	Geary, Tom	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.5	5.0	5.0	11.0		5.0	5.0	10.0	67.5
8	Simens, David	8.0		6.0		10.0	5.0	5.0	12.0	5.0	13.0			64.0
9	Senft, Paul	5.0		5.0		5.0	5.0	5.0	9.0	5.0	7.5	5.0	10.0	61.5
10	Palmer, Jim			5.0	5.0	10.0	5.0	10.0	15.0		5.0	5.0		60.0
11	Iverson, Pete	5.0	5.0	7.5	5.0			5.0	8.0	9.0	15.0			59.5
12	Bischoff, Richard	5.0		5.0	5.0	7.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.5	58.0
13	Gleason, Bill	14.0		5.0		5.0	5.0		10.0	6.0	5.0	5.0		55.0
14	Trayner, Josh	5.0	5.0	5.0			5.0	5.0	15.0	5.0	5.0	5.0		55.0
15	Citta, Mike	5.0			5.0	10.0		5.0		5.0	9.5	5.0	9.0	53.5
16	Chelucci, Chris	5.0		6.0		5.0	5.0	5.0	13.0	7.5	5.0			51.5
17	Bischoff, Bryant					15.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.5	50.5
18	Potter, Bruce		5.0		5.0	13.0		5.0	5.0		5.0		11.0	49.0
19	Harford, Richard		5.0					5.0	11.5		12.0		15.0	48.5
20	Carr, Dennis		5.0	5.0	5.0			8.0	12.0	7.5		5.0		47.5
21	Rimington, Mike	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0			5.0	5.0		5.0	5.0	7.0	47.0
22	Braden, Richard	10.5		5.0			5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0		5.0	5.5	46.0
23	Moore, Pat		5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0		10.0	5.0		5.0	5.0		45.0
24	Ehlers, Walter		5.0			5.0	5.0	5.0	6.5	5.0	11.5			43.0
25	Tardiff, George	13.0		5.0		5.0		5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0			43.0
26	Gomez, George	10.0			5.0			8.0			7.5	5.0	7.0	42.5
27	Rentrop, Ron	5.0	5.0	5.0		5.0	5.0			7.5	9.5			42.0
28	Souza, Ernest	10.0		5.0		5.0			6.0		5.0		11.0	42.0
29	Patron, Ino	9.0		5.0		10.0	5.2	5.0	5.0					39.2
30	Vantine, Harry			5.0	5.0		8.0		15.0		5.0			38.0
31	Crandall, Bob	5.0	5.0	5.0		5.0	5.2	5.0			7.5			37.7
32	Baffico, Ed			5.0			5.0	5.0	11.0		11.5			37.5
33	Marks, Robert		5.0		5.0	5.0		5.0			9.5		7.0	36.5
34	Garfield, James	5.0	5.0	5.0		5.0	5.0			5.0	5.0			35.0
35	Hernandez, Joe			5.0	5.0	5.0		5.0		10.0	5.0			35.0
36	Huerta, Luis	5.0	5.0	5.0		5.0			10.0	5.0				35.0
37	Simens, Bob	5.0		5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0		5.0				35.0
38	Boegel, Dennis			5.0			5.0	5.0	5.0		5.0		9.0	34.0
39	DeAngelus, Dan	14.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0								34.0
40	Taniguchi, Ken									7.5	15.0	5.0	5.5	33.0

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-	
April	Sun	East Bay Zone Qualifier #
May	16 (Sat)	4-Man 2-Best Ball #
		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)	
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)
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

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 – CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

September 12-13, 2009

Members Cup Event

The Club Championship is a LPMGC Major Tournament
Player with low gross score after the two rounds
will be 2009 Club Champion.

- 20 posted rounds required.
- All will play from the Blue Tees.
- Ties for low gross will be broken by a playoff.
 - Play is individual stroke play.
- The tournament will be re-paired for the 2nd round.
- Prize money will be given by flights on a net basis with
lap money for the second round, September's handicap.
 - Closest to holes prizes

ENTRY DEADLINE

Thursday, September 3, 2009 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

LPMGC-Club Championship

September 12-13, 2009

Circle requested preference early late

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

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

Please print your name clearly, Checks only please, Payable to LPMGC