



Chip Shots

January 2009

President's Message

Gregor Markel

Welcome to February! The golf season is underway, and our first few tournament winners have been crowned. It looks to be an exciting year for the LPMGC. Here are some quick reminders for everyone.

- The Eclectic is underway again for 2009. If you are playing a round with a fellow LPMGC member and want to post an eclectic round, remember to let the pro shop know before you tee off. Information on the Eclectic can be found in this edition of the Chip Shots.
- The 2009 members cup points race is officially underway and members who participate in tournaments are now earning points toward the end of year of tournament.
- The LPMGC has instituted a modified tournament index for all LPMGC members based on past performance in LPMGC tournaments. This has been in place for a while and appears to be working very well. Tournament index information is published on the website and in the men's club bulletin board.

Also, the general membership meeting schedule for 2009 in this edition of the Chip Shots. The next meeting will be in March, and I hope to see you there.

Finally, please note that with the mild winter we have had, the golf course is in great shape and the greens are running smooth! The maintenance staff is doing excellent work, and everyone should try to take advantage of the opportunity to get out and play while mother nature is being so kind.

See you at the clubhouse!!!❖

Special Events!!

Tom Geary and Mike Rimington

The January General Membership meeting was held on Wednesday January 7th. Due to prior engagements in the Beeb's banquet rooms the meeting was moved to the pro shop. 15 members were present. Due to this arrangement the monthly raffle was forgone. The 2009 money list is on the Board outside of Beeb's and on the web site and will be updated on a monthly basis. Entry forms for Tournaments can be found on the web site and at the scoring table after all Tournaments. This year we need to do a better job in making members aware of when the next Tournament is and try to increase our member participation in our tournaments. Hopefully the member's cup point system will encourage more play. You can find the information about this on the web site.

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00 p.m. at Beeb's. Hope to see you there!

Handicap Update

Pat Moore

Just a reminder that, starting in October, we have been tracking tournament scores, calculating a tournament index, and comparing that index to your NCGA index. We will use the lower of the two for our Las Positas tournaments. This method was presented at the all the meetings for the last 8 months, and been written up in several previous ChipShots.

More information is available on the website, including the tournament index calculation spreadsheet, so check there for further details. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Eddie Herbert or me.

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 Notes

Jeff DeBenedetti

“BURMESE FLOP SHOT”

There is nothing worse than missing the green with your approach shot and getting to your ball to find it sitting down in long thick grass.

Now you have to decide how to hit the ball to get it “up & down.” Are you going to try to chip it and let it run to the hole? Tough shot with the ball sitting down. What about a pitch shot high and soft? Once again it is very difficult to control how the ball is going to come out of a bad lie.

The “*Burmese flop shot*” might be the answer. This is a shot I learned years ago from the old Director of instruction here at Las Positas, *Doug Brooke*. This shot is played similar to a bunker shot. Play the ball a little forward in your stance; bend your knees a little more than normal with your weight balanced in the center of your stance. This shot calls for a long smooth swing taking all the grass within two (2) inches of the ball, just as you would sand in a bunker shot. The ball should come out fairly “soft”; however it will roll out due to the fact there is a lot of grass between the clubface and the ball.

Be sure to practice this on the range to perfection prior to taking it to the course. The Burmese Flop Shot is a great shot to have in your bag, however this is only a last resort shot if you don't see any other way to get the ball close from a bad lie around the green

Cart path only

With the winter weather playing havoc on the golf course we are seeing more and more cart path only days at the golf course. When riding a cart this can be very frustrating if I don't bring the correct club out to your ball. I find myself walking more then if I were to just walk the course. Next time grab an extra club or two or your bag to save yourself a walk back to the cart, it will make your round much more enjoyable.

Results Page

Individual Skins - January 24, 2009

First Flight - 0-12

Holes 1-3 - 11	Holes 4-6 - 10	Holes 7-9 - 10	Holes 10-12 - 10	Holes 13-15 - 9	Holes 16-18 - 9
Dennis Carr	Pedrito Manibo	Joe Cantu	Joe Cantu	Paul Decena	Eddie Herbert
Dan DeAngelus		Bob Crandall	Gary Liggett	Tom Geary	
Mark Floyd		Eddie Herbert	Pat Moore	Pat Moore	
		Gary Liggett			
		Eleno Mones			
\$17 each	\$50	\$10 Each	\$17 each	\$17 each	\$50

Second Flight - 13+

Holes 1-3 - 10	Holes 4-6 - 11	Holes 7-9 - 8	Holes 10-12 - 10	Holes 13-15 - 10	Holes 16-18 - 11
Ron Rentrop	Jim French	James Wilcox	Tom Byrom	Rich Braun	Rich Braun
	Scott Wilcox	Scott Wilcox	Jim French	Rich Harford	Wayne Kamiya
			Bruce Potter	Bruce Potter	
\$50	\$25 Each	\$25 Each	\$17 each	\$17 each	\$25 Each

Individual Medal - January 17, 2009

1st Flight - 0-12

Player	Hdcp	Net	\$\$
Dan DeAngelus	10	68	\$77
Bill Gleason	12	68	\$77
George Gomez	3	69	\$45
Randy Talarico	8	69	\$45
Ernie Souza	10	69	\$45
Dave Simens	9	70	\$30
Eddie Herbert	12	71	\$30
Paul Decena	4	72	\$16
Dan Cozart	10	72	\$16
Joe Cantu	12	72	\$16

2nd Flight - 13+

Player	Gross	Hdcp	Net	\$\$
Alan Casamajor	83	19	64	\$84
George Tardiff	84	18	66	\$70
Tony Madrid	83	15	68	\$50
Dick Braden	85	17	68	\$50
Ino Patron	85	15	70	\$35
Mitch Carter	96	25	71	\$30
Mike Moran	94	22	72	\$30
Jim Thompson	91	18	73	\$25
Rick Bischoff	88	13	75	\$5
Ron Rentrop	89	14	75	\$5
Tom Byrom	89	14	75	\$5
Pete Iverson	92	17	75	\$5
Luis Huerta	96	21	75	\$5

LPMGC Members Point Standings

Pos	Name	Jan		Total
		17	24	
1	Casamajor, Alan	15.0	5.0	20.0
2	DeAngelus, Dan	14.0	5.0	19.0
3	Gleason, Bill	14.0		14.0
4	Tardiff, George	13.0		13.0
5	Herbert, Eddie	7.0	5.0	12.0
6	Braden, Richard	10.5		10.5
7	Madrid, Tony	10.5		10.5
8	Cantu, Joseph	5.3	5.0	10.3
9	Decena, Paul	5.3	5.0	10.3

25 tied with 10 points

**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 #
	30 (Sat)	Senior Championship/NCGA Senior 4-Ball Qualifier/Regular Men's Club Tournament #
June	27-28 Sat-Sun	NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier #
July	11-12 Sat-Sun	President's Cup (Club Net Championship) ** #
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 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.

**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 Members Cup Point Race Rules

The season will run from January through December with the final tournament being played in the January 2010 Individual Medal tournament, two tournaments in one.

Points will be awarded for participation as well as for performance. Participation points will be awarded for all tournaments, Members Cup event or not.

Scoring system					
Participation:		5 points			
Tournament Performance					
Individual formats each flight		Two man each flight		Four man	
Place	Pts	Place	Pts	Place	Pts
1 st	10	1 st	5	1 st	5
2 nd	8	2 nd	3	2 nd	3
3 rd	6	3 rd	2		
4 th	5	4 th	1		
5 th	4				
6 th	3				
7 th	2				
8 th	1				

Ties will split points, example:

If two players tie for first place in an Individual tournament, points for first and second will be added together and divided evenly. Both players would receive 9 points plus 5 for participating for a total of 14 points. The next player (2nd place) would receive 3rd place points, etc. All ties will be handled in this manor.

For two-day tournaments only day one will count towards Members Cup Points since some may only play one day.

Monthly standings will be posted on the Las Positas Men's Club Website similar to the money list.

Championship tournament:

The top 20 in the point standings will qualify to play for position in the LPMGC Members Cup Championship and a piece of the Est. \$1500 prize fund. Points will be awarded for your position in the final standing.

See chart on next page

Place	Points awarded for final season standings	Points awarded for finish in final tournament	Payout Example
1	25	30	\$130
2	23	28	\$120
3	21	26	\$110
4	19	24	\$100
5	17	22	\$90
6	15	20	\$85
7	14	18	\$80
8	13	16	\$75
9	12	14	\$70
10	11	12	\$65
11	10	10	\$60
12	9	8	\$65
13	8	6	\$55
14	7	4	\$50
15	6	2	\$45
16	5	0	\$40
17	4	0	\$35
18	3	0	\$30
19	2	0	\$25
20	1	0	\$20

Example: A player finishes 10th in the season point standing, he would start final tournament with 11 points. He finishes 4th in the tournament, he gets an additional 24 points for a total of 35 points.

Payouts are estimates; actual numbers are based on member participation.

Since the Final round will be in the following years membership, a top 20 qualifier that does not rejoin the Men's club would not play in the January final but can still finish in the top 20 if he does not fall out of the top 20 after the final tournament results.

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.

2. 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.
3. Entries for non-computer paired tournaments must include all names in your group and checks for your group.
4. Withdrawals must be made at least 48 hours in advance. The prize fund fee will not be refunded after 48 hours.
5. 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.
6. After the tournament pairings have been given to the Pro Shop, all further transactions (inclusions and exclusions) will be handled by the Pro Shop.
7. Each entrant is responsible for his "tee time", turning in a completed, signed scorecard and posting his adjusted score in the computer.
8. All rules decisions will be handled by the rules committee which consists of either Jeff DeBenedetti, or his designee.
9. 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.

Las Positas Men's Club Eclectic 2009

Format: Individual Stroke Play using 100 % of your Current Handicap. Play will go from **January through April**.

Tees: White Tees

Rules: Entry fee, \$1.00 per round

U.S.G.A. Rules of Golf will govern play.

Winter Rules, You may lift clean and place your ball within one club length of where it originally lay, and not nearer the hole, through the green.

Players will use the best net score for each hole on 3 consecutive paid rounds. If a player does not turn in a scorecard, that round and any ongoing rounds will be eliminated (no card). Please contact the golf shop with any questions, 925-455-7820.

Posting: All players are responsible to Post their own score on the Computer in the Golf Shop. Please turn in your Scorecard to the scoring area immediately following your round.

Pace of Play: The Las Positas Men's Club Pace of Play Policy will be enforced. Please keep up with the group in front of you.

Electronic Measuring: Are permitted as long as they **only** calculate distance, not wind or terrain grade.

Tournament

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 FOUR-BALL NET QUALIFIER

Sat. and Sun. February 7-8, 2009

MEMBERS CUP EVENT (Sat. only)

This two-man better ball tournament is two tournaments in one. You can compete in Saturday's Men's Club event only or both days if you wish to qualify for the NCGA Four-Ball. Qualifiers will advance to the NCGA Qualifier (site to be determined) on May 21. The championship will be played on June 29-30 at Spyglass and Poppy Hills Golf Course.

Men's Club Format: Each partner's course handicap can't differ by more than 8 strokes. You must have at least 5 posted rounds or a handicap established by our Handicap Chairmen to compete for the prize fund. Number of flights determined by number of entries.

NCGA Qualifying Format: All players must be 18 yrs. or older to qualify. You must have at least 20 posted rounds. Play will be to a maximum index of 18.4. Players with 18.5 and higher must play to an 18.4 index. Partners course handicaps cannot differ by more than 8 strokes, and both players must be able to play on the qualifier and championship dates. The low net 2 teams will advance to the sectionals. Prize fund on Sunday will go to the qualifying teams!

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, January 29 at 5:00 P.M.
In the Las Positas Men's Golf Club box at
917 Clubhouse Dr.
Livermore, CA. 94551
Atten: TOURNAMENTS

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

LPMGC - NCGA FOUR-BALL NET QUALIFIER

Sat. and Sun., February 7-8, 2009

QUALIFYING

Team 1 Name _____ yes no

Team 1 Name _____

Team 2 Name _____ yes no

Team 2 Name _____

Request , not required

- Requires front 9 completion in 2 hours or less
- Late

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

Please Print Your Name

Checks Only Please !!!

Make Checks Payable to 'LPMGC'

LPMGC – 2MAN BB TEAM SKINS

Saturday March 14, 2009

The 2 Man Best Ball Skins tournament gives you and partner 6 opportunities to win. The total of TEAMS Best Ball net score for holes 1-3 and so on will be the teams total for each 3-hole skin. Participants must have (5) posted rounds or a handicap established by our handicap chairman to compete for the prize fund.

Sign up as a group or an individual and we will pair you.

- Play will be at 90% of March's course handicap.
- There are six (6) skins to win for each flight. Ties split skins.
- Number of flights and prize fund determined by number of players entering tournament.

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, March 5, 2009, at 5 P.M.
In the Las Positas Men's Golf Club box at
917 Clubhouse Dr.
Livermore, CA 94551

Atten: LPMGC

Tournament entry fee: \$45

LPMGC – 2MAN BB TEAM SKINS

Saturday March 14. 2009

Name _____ Team 1

Name _____ Team 1

Name _____ Team 2

Name _____ Team 2

Request not required

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'