



Chip Shots

January 2010

President's Message

Gregor Markel

Well we are off to a soggy start to our January tournaments. First I want to congratulate our inaugural Members Cup Champion Tom Geary. Tom took home a cool \$300 for his efforts over the course of this year-long event, culminating in the one-day championship. Congratulations to all who participated. As you know, the member's cup has officially begun again for 2010, and the race is on to make this years top 20.

I also want to congratulate the first of our NCGA qualifier teams of Robert Marks / Bruce Blanco and Arlan Felton / Pete Iverson. They managed to work through the rain and soggy conditions over the weekend to claim the first qualifier for the year. They will be moving on to, hopefully a drier day to compete with the rest of the NCGA field. Good luck Gents!

Currently we have been experiencing a bit of heavy and at time protracted rainfall in our area. Remember to call ahead to the pro shop to check the course conditions before heading to the course and pack you bag wisely. It is always good to carry your rain-gear and a spare towel or two when the conditions are going to be wet on the course. At our general membership meeting their was discussion about the fate of the course as it relates to the roadway expansion and planned outlet malls off of El Charro Road. Prime Outlets, the developer is citing an opening of July 2011. They have an online link to their development book here:

<http://www.primetail.com/PrimeRetail/files/e5/e52abb5b-806f-439c-a9ad-2e21c928de05.pdf>

Finally, I wanted to restate the information about the new City of Livermore sponsored "Player Participation Program" for LPMGC members only. As a member, each day of tournament play you participate in, earns you credits toward free rounds of golf at the course. See the flyer at the clubhouse and in this edition of the Chip Shots for more information.

I hope to see you at the clubhouse!!!❖

Special Events !!

Tom Geary and Mike Rimington

The January General Membership meeting was held on January 6th at Beeb's Sports Bar and Grill. There were 20 members present. We had a good turnout for our first meeting of the New Year. Two new members Sean Pagel and Charlie Butkiewicz were introduced and welcomed.

It's that time of the year again with the Eclectic starting up for the 2010 season. Put your dollar in per round to try to qualify for the horserace to be held on May 16th. If you don't know how it works ask anyone in the pro shop for a detailed explanation.

The 2009 leading money winner was David Simens who edged out Joe Cantu for the top spot.

The Members cup finals were held on the 16th of January. Congratulations to Tom Geary, Gee I know that guy, who came in first and won the 2009 members cup. It was a tough battle and my hats off to all that participated. The race for the 2010 cup now begins.

There will be no meeting for the month of February. The next meeting will be in March.

January Raffle winner

Pat Moore	\$30.00
Dick Braden	\$25.00
Alan Casamajor	\$15.00
Gregor Markel	\$15.00

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday March 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at Beeb's.

Hope to see you there!

Handicap Update!

Pat Moore, Handicap Chairman

SLOW PLAY

Periodically, we remind our members about pace of play. No one enjoys 5 hour rounds, so if everyone plays fast, we can all get done in 4-4/12 hours, and get to that post-round beverage sooner! And most studies have shown that the quicker everyone plays, the better the scores.

Some tips and ideas to help you speed up play:

-Play ready golf everywhere, not just on the tee. Ready golf means whoever is ready to hit should do so even if they are not away. Just let the others in the foursome know you are taking your shot. There may be some exceptions, such as for strategic reasons in match play or in a 2-man best ball format, but even there, most of the time, it just doesn't make that much difference, so go ahead and play if someone else isn't ready yet.

-An important part of "ready" golf is to be ready to hit when it is your turn. While someone else is playing, be preparing to hit your shot or putt, by figuring out your club selection, getting distances, lining up a putt, etc. Obviously, don't distract or bother someone else in your shot preparation, but there is always something you can do to get ready and speed up play.

-Even while getting ready for your shot, pay attention to your playing partners' shots as well. Four sets of eyes are better than one or two when it comes to looking for balls in the rough or in the bushes. You'll find them sooner and more often, and you'll keep everyone moving.

-Everyone doesn't have to watch the last player in the foursome try that three-footer. Two of you can grab your bags or cart and head to the next tee to get ready. As long as one guy stays behind to watch, and handle the flag, you're covered, and you're moving.

-MOST IMPORTANT – keep up with the group in front of you, not ahead of the group behind you. Know where the foursome ahead of you is, and if you get more than a shot or two out of position, get moving and catch up. If the first group in our tournament typically finishes in less than 4 hours, and everyone keeps up with them.....well, you do the math!

Pro Shop

Jeff De Benedetti

Uneven Lies

Golf courses are rarely completely flat, so inevitably you're going to be faced with uneven lies. The ball might be above or below your feet, or even worse, in a combination of side hill and either uphill or downhill. Whatever the situation, the solution is the same: Create, as much as possible, a flat lie. In other words, keep your spine in the same relationship to the slope as you would a flat lie. If the ball is below your feet, bend forward more; if the ball is above your feet, lean back a little; if your left foot is lower than your right, tilt left; if your right foot is lower than your left, tilt right. That is how to beat slopes.

Once you get your stance, take it back and let it go. Trust your swing and enjoy the shot.

Upcoming Events!!

Next General Meeting will be Wednesday Mar 3rd 7:00 pm at Beeb's,

Upcoming Tournaments:

February 6-7 NCGA 4 Ball Net Qualifier
Deadline: Jan 28th 5:00pm

Sat. March 13, 2010 - 2 Man BB Skins
Deadline March 4th 5:00 pm

New this year!! "The Player Participation Plan"
(see page 4)

1. Match Play begins January 1
2. Friday Skins begins January 15
3. East Bay Pub Links Team play begins in March
4. Demo Day April 3
5. Twilight league begins in May

Quote:

A good golfer has the determination to win and the patience to wait for the breaks."

Gary Player

Las Positas Men's Club Eclectic 2010

- 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 Committee: JEFF DEBENEDETTI & and Golf Shop Staff

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

THE PLAYER PARTICIPATION PLAN

A great opportunity to earn FREE rounds of golf while you play golf! Membership in the Las Positas Men's Golf Club has its privileges! As a member of the Men's Club you are automatically enrolled in the City of Livermore sponsored 2010 Player Participation Program. This program rewards club members who frequently participate in regularly scheduled tournaments. After playing only five days of tournament golf, you will receive a certificate for a free round of golf and additional free rounds of golf based on the escalating schedule below. So go to the Men's Club website www.laspositasgolf.com and sign up for an upcoming golf tournament today. You are only a few steps away from FREE golf!

Par Package

Play in 5 tournament days per calendar year
Receive 1 free GOLF CERTIFICATE
(up to \$32 value)

Birdie Package

Play in 10 tournament days per calendar year
Receive 2 additional free GOLF CERTIFICATES
(up to \$64 value)

Eagle Package

Play in 20 tournament days per calendar year
Receive 4 additional free GOLF CERTIFICATES
(up to \$128 value)

GOLF CERTIFICATE

Monday through Friday any time (non holiday)

Weekends –Afternoon/Twilight only

Each certificate is good for one free round of golf (no cash value)

Congratulations to Tom Geary! Our 2009 Members Cup Champion

Tom played a solid round under very tough conditions shooting a nice net 71 and finishing with a point total of 47. Tom entered the tournament as the #2 seed and was able to take the top prize.

Finishing second was Pete Iverson with a net 68 and a point total of 40. Pete entered the tournament as the #11 seed and was able to jump over 9 players to take second.

Finishing third was Dennis Carr with a net score of 70 and a point total of 36. Dennis was the #13 seed and was able to pass 10 players to take the number three spot.

Congratulations to the rest of you that qualified and were able to participate in this fun event.

This tournament brings us to the end of a long 2009 season of competition and also kicks off the start of the 2010 season. It's time to start building your point total for the 2010 Members Cup Race you'll want to qualify for this very fun tournament and play for that big prize fund.

2009 Members Cup Championship results

	NAME	Gross	HCP	Net	Season Points	Championship points	Total	Prize Fund
1	Tom Geary	81	10	71	23	24	47	\$260.00
2	Peter Iverson	85	17	68	10	30	40	\$200.00
3	Dennis Carr	75	5	70	8	28	36	\$175.00
4	Perry McCollom	89	14	75	21	10	31	\$125.00
5	Richard Bischoff	85	14	71	6	24	30	\$110.00
6	George Gomez	72	1	71	4	24	28	\$95.00
7	Paul Senft	84	12	72	9	18	27	\$75.00
8	Bill Gleason	84	10	74	13	14	27	\$75.00
9	Alan Casamajor	92	17	75	17	10	27	\$75.00
10	Joe Cantu	87	9	78	25	0	25	\$65.00
11	Bryant Bischoff	85	13	72	3	18	21	\$60.00
12	Robert Marks	91	19	72	1	18	19	\$52.50
13	Dave Simens	85	6	79	19	0	19	\$52.50
14	Eddie Herbert	84	8	76	12	5	17	\$50.00
15	Robert B Scott	95	18	77	14	2	16	\$45.00
16	Jim Palmer	83	8	75	5	10	15	\$42.50
17	Tom Byrom	n/c	13	n/c	15	0	15	\$42.50
18	Bruce Potter	90	14	76	7	5	12	\$40.00
19	Mike Citta	95	17	78	11	0	11	\$35.00
20	Dick Braden	n/a	n/a	n/a	2	0	2	\$35.00

\$1,710.00

Tournament Results:

- Dennis Carr (net 70) and Bob Burt (net 66) won their flights in the Individual Medal.
- The teams of Robert Marks and Bruce Blanco and Pete Iversen and Arlan Felton will be moving on to the Zone Qualifier.
- The teams of Robert Marks/Bruce, Dave Simens/Chris Chelucci and Ron Rentrop/Jim Klotovich tied for the top spot in the (Saturday Only) Two-man Better Ball Tournament.

Congratulations Gentlemen!!

Individual Net - January 16, 2010

First Flight - 13 & Under							Second Flight - 11 to 15						
		TOT	HCP	NET	\$\$\$	Cup			TOT	HCP	NET	\$\$\$	Cup
1	Dennis Carr	75	5	70	\$77	15.00	1	Bob Burt	96	30	66	\$77	15.00
2	Tom Geary	81	10	71	\$50	10.75	2	Pete Iversen	85	17	68	\$65	13.00
3	Derek Allman	82	11	71	\$50	10.75	3	Jim French	91	21	70	\$50	10.50
4	George Gomez	72	1	71	\$50	10.75	4	Ino Patron	84	14	70	\$50	10.50
5	Matt Moore	79	8	71	\$50	10.75	5	Rick Bischoff	85	14	71	\$30	8.50
6	Paul Senft	84	12	72	\$15	7.00	6	George Tardiff	90	19	71	\$30	8.50
7	Bryant Bischoff	85	13	72	\$15	7.00	7	Robert Marks	91	19	72	\$7	7.00
8	Michael Beacham	80	8	72	\$15	7.00	8	Bob Gorman	88	16	72	\$7	7.00
9	Bill Gleason	84	10	74			9	Harry Vantine	86	14	72	\$7	7.00
10	Mark Musso	78	4	74			10	Luis Huerta	96	21	75		5.00
11	Paul Decena	79	5	74			11	Alan Casamajor	92	17	75		5.00
12	Pat Moore	81	7	74			12	Perry McCollom	89	14	75		5.00
13	Jim Palmer	83	8	75			13	Mike Rimington	90	15	75		5.00
14	Josh Trayner	88	13	75			14	Bruce Potter	90	14	76		5.00
15	Eddie Herbert	84	8	76			15	Robert Scott	95	18	77		5.00
16	Mike McCrory	85	9	76			16	Bill Ormond	97	20	77		5.00
17	Jim Garfield	86	10	76			17	Mike Citta	95	17	78		5.00
18	Joe Cantu	87	9	78			18	Mike Hasaka	103	22	81		5.00
19	Dave Simens	85	6	79			19	Dan Griffin	NC				5.00
20	Chris Chelucci	91	11	80								\$323	
21	Steve Hudson	92	12	80									
22	Jim Klotovich	93	12	81									
23	Ron Rentrop	95	13	82									
24	Tom Byrom	DQ											
\$322													

Total Prize Fund	\$645
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43 players

January 23-24, 2010 - Zone Qualifier

Saturday, Jan 23							Qualifiers		Sunday, Jan 24					Lap \$\$
Player	Gross	Hdcp	Net	Team	\$\$	Cup	Player	Gross	Hdcp	Net	Team	2-day Tot		
Robert Marks	91	17	74	63	\$66	9.33	Robert Marks	91	17	74	64	127		
Bruce Blanco	84	14	70		\$66	9.33	Bruce Blanco	87	14	73				
Dave Simens	74	5	69	63	\$66	9.33	Dave Simens	84	5	79	74	137		
Chris Chelucci	84	10	74		\$66	9.33	Chris Chelucci	100	10	90				
Jim Garfield	82	9	73	63	\$66	9.33	Jim Garfield	81	9	72	67	130		
Ron Rentrop	86	12	74		\$66	9.33	Ron Rentrop	87	12	75				
Jim Klotovich	80	11	69	64	\$35	5.5	Jim Klotovich	84	11	73	65	129	\$20	
Kerry Billingsley	79	7	72		\$35	5.5	Kerry Billingsley	85	7	78			\$20	
Bill Gleason	82	9	73	64	\$35	5.5								
Paul Senft	87	11	76		\$35	5.5								
Pat Moore	79	6	73	65	\$20		Pat Moore	79	6	73	69	134		
Jim Palmer	77	7	70		\$20		Jim Palmer	85	7	78				
Joe Cantu	83	8	75	66	\$7									
Luis Huerta	97	19	78		\$7									
Perry McCollom	86	13	73	66	\$7		Perry McCollom	87	13	74	67	133		
Walt Ehlers	83	11	72		\$7		Walt Ehlers	87	11	76				
Arlan Felton	90	13	77	66	\$7		Arlan Felton	82	13	69	61	127		
Pete Iverson	87	15	72		\$7		Pete Iverson	83	15	68				
Joe Hince	89	16	73	67			Joe Hince	90	16	74	68	135		
Jeff Rudolff	84	6	78				Jeff Rudolff	82	6	76				
Steve Santos	84	11	73	67			Steve Santos	88	11	77	67	134		
Larry Copp	89	17	72				Larry Copp	88	17	71				
Derek Allman	85	10	75	67			Derek Allman	90	10	80	74	141		
Matt McGuire	79	4	75				Matt McGuire	81	4	77				
Mike McCrory	83	8	75	67			Mike McCrory	81	8	73	71	138		
Dick Braden	92	15	77				Dick Braden	98	15	83				
Ed Mero	83	10	73	68			Ed Mero	84	10	74	68	136		
George Gomez	75	1	74				George Gomez	73	1	72				
Dennis Carr	79	5	74	68										
Paul Decena	77	5	72											
Steve Pribble	97	23	74	68			Steve Pribble	100	23	77	74	144		
Bob Simens	102	25	77				Bob Simens	106	25	81				
Alan Casamajor	90	15	75	68			Alan Casamajor	98	15	83	73	141		
Harry Vantine	94	13	81				Harry Vantine	89	13	76				
Eddie Herbert	91	7	84	69			Eddie Herbert	78	7	71	66	135		
Tom Byrom	85	12	73				Tom Byrom	81	12	69				
Dan McDermott	88	12	76	69			Dan McDermott	95	12	83	74	143		
Steve Oxsen	84	11	73				Steve Oxsen	90	11	79				
Mike Rimington	94	14	80	74			Mike Rimington	85	14	71	66	140		
Tom Geary	87	9	78				Tom Geary	81	9	72				
Rick Bischoff	91	13	78	74										
Bryant Bischoff	88	12	76											
Robert Scott	90	16	74	74										
Rene Drumtra	DNF	12												

2010 LPMGC Schedule

Robert Scott

			Entry Deadline
Jan.	16 Sat	Individual Medal/ 2009	Jan. 7
		Members Cup Championship	
	23-24	NCGA Zone Qualifier	Jan. 14
February	6-7	NCGA 4 Ball Net Qualifier	Jan. 28
March	13 Sat	2 Man Best Ball Skins	March 4
	21 Sun.	Individual Medal	March 11
April	17 Sat	Individual Skins	April 8
	24 Sat	2 man Worst/Best	April 15
May	8	Individual Medal (Senior Champion & NCGA 4Ball Senior Qualifier determined from this event)	April 29
	15	4 Man 2Best Balls	May 6
June	12	2 Man Total	June 3
	26-27	NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier	June 18
July	10-11	President's Cup (Net Champion)	July 1
August	7 Sat	Member-Guest Invitational Scramble	July 29
	15 Sun	Point Par (Stableford)	Aug. 5
September	11-12	Club Championship	Sept. 2
October	9 Sat	2 man Razzle dazzle	Sept. 30
	16 Sat	Individual Medal	Oct 7
November	6 Sat	Individual Skins	Oct 28
	14 Sun	Beat the Pro	Nov 4
December	5 Sun	2 Man Best Ball	Nov 26
	11 Sat	2 Man Shamble (Charity Event)	Dec 2

2010 Meeting Schedule

Gregor Markel

For 2010, the LPMGC will be running the general membership meetings on the following dates

January 6th

March 3rd

May 5th (1st Putting Contest)

June 2nd

July 7th

August 4th

September 1st (Final Putting Contest)

November 3rd (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 FOUR-BALL NET QUALIFIER

Sat. and Sun. February 6-7, 2010
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 April 1.

The championship will be played on May 17-18 at Poppy Hills and Spyglass Hill golf course.

Handicap based on 90% of January's index.

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 to be 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.

Ties will be broken by a sudden death playoff.

The low net 2 teams will advance to the sectionals.

Prize fund on Sunday will go to the qualifying teams!

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, January 28 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 6-7, 2010

QUALIFYING

Team 1 Name _____ yes no

Team 1 Name _____

Team 2 Name _____ yes no

Team 2 Name _____

Request, not required

Early, requires Front 9 completion in 2 hours or less

Late

All prize money must be spent by the end of OCT. 2010

Please Print Your Name

Checks Only Please !!!

Make Checks Payable to 'LPMGC'

LPMGC-2 Man BB Skins

Saturday March 13, 2010

The 2 Man Best Ball Skins tournament gives you and your 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 will split skins.

Number of flights and prize fund determined by number of players entering tournament.

Note – Members' Cup participation points only -5

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, March 4, 2010, at 5 P.M.

In the Las Positas Men's Golf Club box at

LPMGC

917 Clubhouse Dr.

Livermore, CA.94551

Atten: Tournaments

Tournament fee: \$45

LPMGC - 2MAN BB TEAM SKINS

Saturday March 13. 2010

Name _____ Team 1

Name _____ Team 1

Name _____ Team 2

Name _____ Team 2

Request not required

Early (Requires front 9 completion in 2 hours or less)

Late

All Prize Money must be spent by end of OCT. 2010

Please Print Your Name Clearly

Provide all \$\$\$ for Group Entries

Checks Only Please!]]

Make Checks payable to 'LPMGC'