



Chip Shots

March 2010

President's Message

Gregor Markel

It seems like the burrowing rodent was correct and we are going to stay wet for a little longer, but Mother nature has been kind enough to give us a glimmer of Spring on select days, and they are beautiful. I hope you get the opportunity to get out and golf when those days occur, as they seem to be fleeting at the moment. Though it seem like a complaint we desperately need all of this rain, and are almost to 100% of normal for a full year as I write this, a mere few inches away. With mandatory water rationing still in effect, a few years of this level of precipitation would do us good. I just hope we get a good level, and then can be done with it!

I want to take this moment to congratulate the NCGA qualifier teams of Eddie Herbert / Tom Byrom and Perry McCollom / Steve Santos. Both teams held up in our first two-day qualifier for the year and came out on top (despite more of the weather noted above). They will be moving on to compete with the rest of the NCGA field in the regional tournaments. Good luck Gents, go get 'em!

In past columns I have mentioned our Player Participation Program or PPP that is going on. We will be further enhancing that with additional prizes for in tournament participation such as closest to the pins on some of the par threes as an incentive to get more members out and on the course. Starting with our current tournaments and going through the end of the year, you will be participating for more free rounds of golf, on top of those you accumulate in the PPP program just by hitting a solid golf shot. This stuff just keeps getting better and better. Yes, our goal is to get you out to the course as often as possible this year, and the City of Livermore has committed themselves to making it happen. I would request that you take advantage of their generosity and continue to pay them back with your loyalty to our course. It is in great shape, and is a great value in our area.

I hope to see you at the clubhouse and me on the golf course!!! ❖

Special Events !!

Tom Geary and Mike Rimington

There was no meeting for the month of February. The next meeting will be on March 3rd at

Beeb's. Congratulations to our two qualifying teams in the 2-day event in February under pretty wet conditions. Eddie Herbert / Tom Byrom with a 2 day total of 123 and Perry Mccollom / Steve Santos at 125. Play well and as always enjoy the game. For all our members a little tip on how to speed up the game. Have your club in hand and be ready to let it go when it is your turn to hit. Read your putt when others are putting and again be ready to go when it's your turn. **These 2 little tips can save 10 minutes off** a round. We are all out to have fun and enjoy our round of golf. Our yearly putting contest will begin in May.

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 Benedetto

Hit it straighter

Come on....can it be this easy?

Every golfer wants to hit the ball straighter, however, if you ask them to give up some distance to achieve this most will say yes if they are around a group of people. But secretly, the answer is no. If you can get over losing a little distance with the driver, maybe 10-15 yards, I have the secret that anybody can make work for their game.

Tee the ball a little lower than you are accustomed to. By doing this, the ball will take off a little lower. Balls with lower trajectory tend to move less sideways than those that fly higher. The ball will hit the ground sooner and roll longer.

Dates and Activities!!

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

Upcoming Tournaments:

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

Sun. March 21 Individual Medal
Deadline March 11th 5:00 pm

Other events and dates:

-Friday Skins continues, starting at 11:30 am. Call the Pro-Shop to reserve your spot (925-443-3122).

- Demo Day April 3

- Twilight league begins in May

Details for the **Player Participation Plan** are on page 4 below.

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:

Permitted as long as they **only** calculate distance and 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)

Results: February 6-7, 2010 - NCGA 4-Ball Qualifier

Saturday, Jan 23

Sunday, Jan 24

Player	Gross	Hdcp	Net	Team	\$\$	Cup	Player	Gross	Hdcp	Net	Team	2-day Tot	\$\$
Eddie Herbert	78	8	70	62	\$75	11.00	Eddie Herbert	81	8	73	61	123	
Tom Byrom	80	11	69		\$75	11.00	Tom Byrom	80	11	69			
Kerry Billingsley	76	7	69	64	\$60	9.00	Kerry Billingsley	84	7	77	70	134	
Jim Klotovich	82	10	72		\$60	9.00	Jim Klotovich	86	10	76			
Mike DeBenedetti	85	13	72	65	\$40	7.50	Mike DeBenedetti	91	13	78	67	132	
George Kanto	95	16	79		\$40	7.50	George Kanto	90	16	74			
Perry McCollom	84	14	70	65	\$40	7.50	Perry McCollom	83	14	69	60	125	
Steve Santos	83	11	72		\$40	7.50	Steve Santos	77	11	66			
Tom Geary	80	8	72	66	\$16	5.25	Tom Geary	80	8	72	68	134	
Mike Rimington	86	13	73		\$16	5.25	Mike Rimington	85	13	72			
Pat Moore	79	6	73	66	\$16	5.25	Pat Moore	81	6	75	73	139	
Jim Palmer	79	6	73		\$16	5.25	Jim Palmer	83	6	77			
Robert Marks	94	17	77	66	\$16	5.25	Robert Marks	93	17	76	66	132	
Mike Fonseca	86	10	76		\$16	5.25	Mike Fonseca	85	10	75			
Mike McCrory	87	8	79	66	\$16	5.25	Mike McCrory	81	8	73	66	132	
Robert Scott	91	16	75		\$16	5.25	Robert Scott	93	16	77			
Paul Decena	77	5	72	67		5.00	Paul Decena	73	5	68	67	134	
Pedrito Manibo	81	9	72			5.00	Pedrito Manibo	91	9	82			
George Gomez	74	1	73	67		5.00	George Gomez	73	1	72	69	136	
Dennis Carr	75	5	70			5.00	Dennis Carr	79	5	74			
Harry Vantine	92	13	79	68		5.00							
George Tardiff	93	17	76			5.00							
Rick Bischoff	84	12	72	68		5.00							
Bill Holloway	107	19	88			5.00							
Arlan Felton	86	12	74	68		5.00	Arlan Felton	86	12	74	67	135	
Pete Iverson	90	14	76			5.00	Pete Iverson	87	14	73			
Josh Trayner	85	12	73	69		5.00	Josh Trayner	89	12	77	74	143	
Jerry Trayner	106	17	89			5.00	Jerry Trayner	103	17	86			
Paul Senft	87	12	75	69		5.00							
Bill Gleason	86	9	77			5.00							
Dennis Boegel	81	6	75	70		5.00	Dennis Boegel	83	6	77	72	142	
Ed Baffico	89	9	80			5.00	Ed Baffico	85	9	76			
Jim French	96	19	77	71		5.00	Jim French	88	19	69	63	134	\$20
Steve Pribble	108	23	85			5.00	Steve Pribble	92	23	69			\$20
Steve Oxsen	86	10	76	73		5.00	Steve Oxsen	82	10	72	67	140	
Kevin Ng	86	9	77			5.00	Kevin Ng	84	9	75			
Jim Garfield	95	9	86	79		5.00							
Alan Casamajor	98	16	82			5.00							
Joe Cantu	DNF					5.00							
Luis Huerta	DNF					5.00							
Total Pot					\$598		Qualifiers	Lap Money Paid on Sunday					\$40

2010 LPMGC Members Cup Points Race

Pos	Name	Jan		Feb	Total
		16	23,24	6,7	
1	Carr, Dennis	15.0	5.0	5.0	25.0
2	Iverson, Pete	13.0	5.0	5.0	23.0
3	Marks, Robert	7.0	9.3	5.3	21.6
4	Byrom, Tom	5.0	5.0	11.0	21.0
5	Geary, Tom	10.8	5.0	5.3	21.0
6	Herbert, Eddie	5.0	5.0	11.0	21.0
7	Gomez, George	10.8	5.0	5.0	20.8
8	Klotovich, Jim	5.0	5.5	9.0	19.5
9	Garfield, James	5.0	9.3	5.0	19.3
10	Bischoff, Richard	8.5	5.0	5.0	18.5
11	Mccollom, Perry	5.0	5.0	7.5	17.5
12	Senft, Paul	7.0	5.5	5.0	17.5
13	Vantine, Harry	7.0	5.0	5.0	17.0
14	Allman, Derek	10.8	5.0		15.8
15	French, Jim	10.5		5.0	15.5
16	Gleason, Bill	5.0	5.5	5.0	15.5
17	McCrary, Mike	5.0	5.0	5.3	15.3
18	Moore, Pat	5.0	5.0	5.3	15.3
19	Palmer, Jim	5.0	5.0	5.3	15.3
20	Rimington, Mike	5.0	5.0	5.3	15.3
21	Scott, Robert	5.0	5.0	5.3	15.3
22	Burt, Bob	15.0			15.0
23	Cantu, Joseph	5.0	5.0	5.0	15.0
24	Casamajor, Alan	5.0	5.0	5.0	15.0
25	Decena, Paul	5.0	5.0	5.0	15.0
26	Huerta, Luis	5.0	5.0	5.0	15.0
27	Billingsley, Kerry		5.5	9.0	14.5
28	Chelucci, Chris	5.0	9.3		14.3
29	Rentrop, Ron	5.0	9.3		14.3
30	Simens, David	5.0	9.3		14.3
31	Tardiff, George	8.5		5.0	13.5
32	Santos, Steve		5.0	7.5	12.5
33	Bischoff, Bryant	7.0	5.0		12.0
34	Moore, Matt	10.8			10.8
35	Patron, Ino	10.5			10.5
36	Felton, Arlan		5.0	5.0	10.0
37	Oxsen, Steven		5.0	5.0	10.0
38	Pribble, Steve		5.0	5.0	10.0
39	Trayner, Josh	5.0		5.0	10.0
40	Blanco, Bruce		9.3		9.3
41	Debenedetti, Mike			7.5	7.5
42	Kanto, George			7.5	7.5
43	Gorman, Bob	7.0			7.0
44	Michael Beacham	7.0			7.0
45	Fonseca, Mike			5.3	5.3

Perry Mccollom

The 2010 Members Cups is well underway with three tournaments in the books. Dennis Carr is our early leader with 25 points, Pete Iverson and Robert Marks are second and third with 23 and 21.6 points.

If you finished out of the top 20 last year you missed out on a very fun and very competitive Championship tournament with a big prize fund. Our Champion **Tom Geary** came away with \$260 in prize fund.

This year we are expanding the field of qualifiers to 32 players for the Championship tournament. The top 20 will finish in the money and like 2009 it's best to finish as high in the season standings as possible to give yourself the best chance in the Championship Tournament. This means you'll need to get out there and play some tournaments and compile as many points as you can.

Good luck and I'll see you on March 13th for the 2 Man Skins Tournament. For this tournament performance points will be awarded to the top 5 money winners of each flight.

2010 LPMGC Schedule

		Entry Deadline
Jan. 16 Sat	Individual Medal and 2009 Members Cup Championship	Jan. 7
23-24	NCGA Zone Qualifier	Jan. 14
Feb 6-7	NCGA 4 Ball Net Qualifier	Jan. 28
Mar 13 Sat	2 Man Best Ball Skins	March 4
21 Sun.	Individual Medal	March
11		
Apr 17 Sat	Individual Skins	April 8
24 Sat	2 Man Worst/Best	April 15
May 8	Individual Medal (Senior Champion & NCGA 4Ball Senior Qualifier To be determined from this event)	April 29
15	4 Man 2Best Balls	May 6
Jun 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	July 29
15 Sun	Invitational Scramble Point Par (Stableford)	Aug. 5
Sept 11-12	Club Championship	Sept. 2
Oct 9 Sat	2 Man Razzle Dazzle	Sept. 30
16 Sat	Individual Medal	Oct 7
Nov 6 Sat	Individual Skins	Oct 28
14 Sun	Beat the Pro	Nov 4
Dec 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.

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-2 Man BB Skins

Saturday March 13, 2010
Members Cup Event

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

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: \$47

LPMGC - 2MAN BB TEAM SKINS
Saturday March 13. 2010

Name Team 1 _____

Name Team 1 _____

Name Team 2 _____

Name Team 2 _____

Requests (not required)

- Early requires front 9 completion in 2 hours or less
 Late

All Prize Money must be spent by end of OCT.

*Please Print Your Name Clearly
Provide all \$\$\$ for Group Entries
Checks Only Please!
Make Checks payable to 'LPMGC'*

LPMGC - INDIVIDUAL MEDAL

Sunday March 21, 2010

MEMBERS CUP EVENT

The Individual Medal Play tournament gives you the opportunity to play in a flighted individual tournament against the field. Participants must have (5) posted rounds or a handicap established by our handicap chairman to compete for the prize fund.

- Play will be at 100% of March's handicap.
- Sign up as a group or an individual and we will pair you.
- There will be a prize fund for each flight based on number of entries for the tournament.

Entry Deadline:

Thursday March 11, at 5:00 P.M.
In the Las Positas Men's Club box at
LPMGC 917 Clubhouse Dr.
Livermore, CA. 94551

Atten: Tournaments

Tournament entry fee: **\$47**

LPMGC - INDIVIDUAL MEDAL

Members Cup Event

Sunday March 21, 2010

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

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

Please Print Your Name

Provide all \$\$\$ for Group Entries

CHECKS Only Please!!! Payable to 'LPMGC'