



Chip Shots

June 2010

President's Message

Gregor Markel

Happy June everyone! Before I get too far, I want to apologize for the delay in the Chip Shots this month. Your president has let work get in the way of things that are truly important, and I didn't manage to get this article done prior to the long weekend. Speaking of long, the longer days are here and I hope you are getting the opportunity to play more golf as the daylight hours stretch.

I want to congratulate the Las Positas team for the major turnaround to defeat Callippe in the head to head match play event. After a dismal Saturday at Callippe, we were down 47-1/2 to 24-1/2, but had a huge day at home and took the overall match by 11 points. This was a great effort from everyone. If you haven't had the opportunity to participate in one of the head to head matches, we have another coming up. Contact Jeff at the pro shop for details.

I also want to say THANK YOU to the greens crew at our course. I now can say that "from personal experience" our golf course is in great shape and the greens are fantastic. My hat is off to Jeff Shaffer, his staff and the Corseco staff for all of their hard work to make our course the most playable I have seen it in quite some time (insert your joke here about how much I have actually seen it..).

We have our final NCGA qualifying event coming up at the end of the month, so this is your shot to get out there and move on to the next round. We also have other events coming up in the near future, so go online and get your tournament entry form filled out and turned in. Don't forget, the Player's Cup points race is still going on, and the Player Participation Program is in full swing, and you have a chance to earn extra points to qualify for the end of year tournament, or earn **FREE GOLF** while you play (hope that caught your attention).

The General Membership meetings and putting contest are now happening monthly (First Wednesday of each month), so I hope to see you at the clubhouse!!

Special Events !!

Tom Geary and Mike Rimington

The May General Membership meeting was held on May 5th at Beeb's Sport bar and grill. There were 16 members present. We had our first putting contest of the year and a good turnout. Mike Lisle took top honors with a score of 32 on a tough course. The contest will resume prior to June's meeting on the 2nd. The Eclectic horserace was held on Sunday morning the 16th of May. It was another exciting finish with George Gomes and Perry Mccollom being the final two at the 18th tee. This year it came down to a chip off with George edging out Perry for the title. Congratulations George!! The course is in great shape so lets all get out and play some Golf.

May Raffle Winner

Rick Bischoff	\$30.00
George Nesbit	\$20.00
Jim Palmer	\$15.00
Dick Braden	\$10.00

May Putting Contest Winners

1 st Mike Lisle	Score 32	\$25.00
2 nd Jim Palmer	Score 33	\$20.00
3 rd Matt Mcguire	Score 34	\$15.00

The next General Membership meeting will be held Wednesday June 2nd at 7:00pm Hope to see you there!! Putting contest prior to the meeting.

Handicap Update!

Pat Moore, Handicap Chairman

For the past year or so, the Men's Club has implemented a handicap system for our tournaments where we calculated a Tournament Index based on the rounds each member played of the last 12 postable tournament rounds, compared that index to the NCGA indexes, and then used the lower of the two for our tournaments (if the difference was 1.0 or more). After getting feedback from members and reviewing the results of this method, we will be continue to use it, but with a couple of tweaks. First, we will only use the postable rounds from the last 6 months of tournaments; 12 postable rounds could go back 7 or 8 months, which appeared to be too long.

Second, we will now ignore the 1.0 differential and just use the Tournament Index if it is lower, whatever it is. This may or may not result in any adjustments depending where the handicap breakoffs fall.

Pro Shop

Jeff De Benedetti

For those of you interested in lowering your handicap, I have the answer. The answer is simple, Short game.

Everybody knows this, yet very little who practice spend the same amount of time on the putting and chipping green as they do on the driving range. If you hit every green in regulation, and 2 putt every hole you will shoot 72 (36 putts).

The quickest way to lowering your score is to practice putting and chipping. If you can improve your game inside 50 yards, your scores will drop dramatically.

A good practice routine would be to purchase a bucket of balls and take them to the practice chipping green to work on shots around the green. Next hit the balls with the clubs you are working with, I suggest you concentrate on an area of the game when practicing full swing, Long irons, Woods, Short irons. When you are done, go to the putting green and spend some time hitting some putts from inside 20 feet.

Once you have developed your short game I promises your scores will begin to drop.

Dates to remember!

Next General Meeting will be Wednesday June 2nd
7:00 pm at Beeb's,

Upcoming Tournaments:

Sat. June 12th Two man total
Deadline June 3rd 5:00 pm

Sat. June 26-27 NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier
Deadline June 17th 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).
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- Twilight league every other, next event will be this
Thursday May 27 Individual Skins. Call the Pro-Shop to
reserve your spot (925-443-3122).

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)

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

Tournament Results

Individual Net/Senior Championship/ Senior NCGA Qualifier May 8, 2010

Senior Gross Champion - Bob Fulton - 66 - \$100

First Flight - 10 & Under							Second Flight - 11 to 15						
		TOT	HCP	NET	\$\$\$	Cup			TOT	HCP	NET	\$\$\$	Cup
1	Bob Fulton Senior Champion	66	1	65	\$100	15	1	Ed Baffico	72	12	60	\$72	15
2	Jim Palmer	75	9	66	\$66	12	2	Joe Cantu	78	12	66	\$52	12
3	Ken Taniguchi	75	9	66	\$66	12	3	Perry McCollom	77	11	66	\$52	12
4	Steve Englebretson	75	6	69	\$36	9	4	Stan Budd	81	13	68	\$33	9.5
5	Jesse South	72	3	69	\$36	9	5	Tom Byrom	79	11	68	\$33	9.5
6	Bob Gennoy	73	4	69	\$36	9	6	Himanshu Pandya	81	12	69	\$20	7.5
7	Ernie Souza	79	9	70	\$14	6	7	Tony Madrid	83	14	69	\$20	7.5
8	Eddie Herbert	79	9	70	\$14	6	8	Gregory Robles	85	15	70		6
9	George Gomez	72	2	70	\$14	6	9	Harry Vantine	86	15	71		5
10	Pat Moore	78	7	71		5	10	Wade Diebner	85	13	72		5
11	Mike McCrory	81	9	72		5	11	George Nesbit	85	12	73		5
12	Tom Geary	83	10	73		5	12	David Parker	86	12	74		5
13	Joe Hernandez	82	9	73		5	13	Rick Bischoff	86	12	74		5
14	John Hunt	79	6	73		5	14	Bryant Bischoff	85	11	74		5
15	Paul Decena	77	4	73		5	15	David Mercurio	87	12	75		5
16	Derek Allman	82	8	74		5	16	Pete Iverson	91	15	76		5
17	Bill Gleason	85	10	75		5	17	Arlan Felton	89	12	77		5
18	Michael Beacham	83	8	75		5	18	Steve Hudson	91	13	78		5
19	Jim Klotovich	85	9	76		5	19	Paul Senft	96	15	81		5
20	Mark Musso	82	5	77		5	20	Monte Beers	101	14	87		5
21	Dennis Carr	83	5	78		5						\$282	
22	Matthew Moore	86	7	79		5	Third Flight - 16 & Over						
23	Doug Ungari	90	7	83		5			TOT	HCP	NET	\$\$\$	Cup
					\$282		1	Mike Citta	85	18	67	\$72	15
							2	Fred Fulton	105	35	70	\$52	12
							3	Alan Casamajor	89	19	70	\$52	12
							4	Josh Trayner	87	16	71	\$35	10
							5	Mark Kanouse	92	20	72	\$30	9
							6	John Zender	95	21	74	\$7	7
							7	Jim French	93	19	74	\$7	7
							8	Robert Scott	93	19	74	\$7	7
							9	Bruce Potter	92	17	75		5
							10	Robert Marks	94	19	75		5
							11	Mitch Carter	100	23	77		5
							12	Rich Harford	102	23	79		5
							13	Dick Braden	97	18	79		5
							14	Larry Coppa	103	18	85		5
							15	Mike Larsen	106	19	87		5
							16	Jerry Trayner	108	20	88		5
												\$262	

Total Prize Fund **\$826**

Senior NCGA Qualifiers:
Ed Baffico
Jim Palmer
Ken Taniguchi
Perry McCollom

Closest to Pin:
Himanshu Pandya #3
Jesse South #15

4-Man, 2 Best Ball - 5/15/10

Player	Net	Player	Net	Player	Net	Player	Net	Team	\$\$ Each	Cup Each
Mike Citta	67	Mike McCrory	71	Pete Iverson	73	Rich Harrell	77	119	\$63	11
John Paredes	70	Russ Baker	71	Don Osean	75	Jim Thompson	82	123	\$45	9
Larry Coppa	70	Perry McCollom	70	Arlan Felton	71	Steve Pribble	80	124	\$35	8
Bill Holloway	67	Dean Wilcox	75	James Wilcox	82	Scott Wilcox	83	125	\$28	6.5
Ed Baffico	70	Alan Casamajor	72	Ken Taniguchi	73	Blind Draw	67	125	\$28	6.5
Dave Simens	72	Walt Ehlers	74	Chris Chelucci	76	Jim French	78	126		5
Pat Moore	66	Eddie Herbert	70	Steve McConnell	70	Jim Palmer	74	126		5
Joe Cantu	69	Pete Walling	70	Steve Englebretson	74	Joe Hince	78	127		5
Paul Decena	68	Mark Musso	70	Dan McDermot	70	Pedrito Manibo	79	127		5
George Gomez	67	Richard Beck	73	Donald Martin	76	Dennis Carr	77	127		5
Bob Simens	75	Bruce Potter	78	Mitch Carter	79	Rodney Codero	92	129		5
Bob Burt	69	Josh Trayner	79	Jerry Trayner	80	Tom Geary	80	130		5
Bill Gleason	73	Rich Bischoff	75	Bryant Bischoff	77	Jeff Pavich	78	135		5
Paul Disbrow	72	Joe Hernandez	75	Harry Vantine	77	Terry Parkinson	80	136		5
Total Prize Fund									\$796	

2010 LPMGC Schedule

		Entry Deadline
Jan. 16 Sat	Individual Medal and 2010 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	Mar 4
21 Sun.	Individual Medal	Mar 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 Invitational Scramble	July 29
15 Sun	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 Net Total

Saturday June 12, 2010

Members Cup Event

Sign up as a team or an individual and we will pair you, group entries welcomed. Participants must have (5) posted rounds or a handicap established by our handicap chairmen to compete for the prize fund, flights based on number of entrants. Format is total of team net score for each hole comprises your Total Net Tournament Score. Both players must finish 18 holes. June's index will be used.

Entry Deadline:

Thursday June 3, 2010 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: **\$48**

LPMGC-2 Man Net Total

Saturday June 12, 2010

Team 1 Name _____

Team 1 Name _____

Team 2 Name _____

Team 2 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. 2010

Please print names clearly

Checks only payable to **LPMGC**

LPMGC • NCGA NET AMATEUR QUALIFIER

Members Cup Event (Sat)

June 26-27, 2010

This individual tournament is two in one: You can compete in Saturday's men's club tournament or both days if you wish to try to qualify for the NCGA event. Play will be at 100% of June's handicap.

Lap money for Sunday. Entry prize money for Sunday will be used to send the 4 low-net qualifiers to the NCGA Qualifier.

Saturday only: Participants must have (5) posted rounds or a handicap established by our handicap chairmen to compete for the prize fund, flighted, with prize money paid on Saturday's results.

NCGA Qualifier: You must have 20 posted rounds to play in the NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier. Qualifiers should be able to play in the Qualifier on September 23 (location to be determined) and the Championship on October 18-19 at Poppy Hills. You must declare your intent to try to qualify on the entry form below. Our club will be sending 4 players to the NCGA Qualifier.

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, June 18 at 5:00 P.M. in the
Las Positas Men's Club box at
LPMGC

917 Clubhouse Dr.
Livermore, CA. 94551
Atten: Tournaments

Entry Fees: Sat. only \$48/Sat.-Sun. \$94

LPMGC - NCGA NET AMATEUR QUALIFIER

Members Cup Event

June 26-27, 2010

Qualifying (circle one)

Name _____ Yes No

Name _____ Yes No

Name _____ Yes No

Name _____ Yes No