



Chip Shots

June 2010

President's Message

Gregor Markel

The beginning of July is a great time of the year, if you are a "guy". We are just past fathers day, and I hope all members with that title had a great day. We are at the Summer Solstice, and the days are officially at their longest to allow us to maximize our sunshine and golf. Finally, we are coming up on the July 4th holiday, and being master of the barbeque is a wonderful thing over this weekend. I hope everyone has a great time celebrating the summer and all the enjoyments that go along with it in our area.

The board members of our club have been continually attempting to dream up new ways to get members interest up and have them participate in golf and membership events. This year seems to mark lows for us in overall membership and participation, so your president is reaching out to everyone again in an attempt to solicit ideas for getting more members active in our club. This year, with the generous support of the City of Livermore, we have been able to reward our membership with certificates for free golf, and start the "Player Participation Program" where members are rewarded with free rounds of golf for playing in men's club tournaments. We also are in our second year of the Las Positas Men's Club Players Cup point race. The cup event is fashioned after the Fed Ex Cup point event on the PGA. It is obvious with all of these things going on, we still need to do more to get our members on the course. This is where you come in. I need your input to capture the interest of more members. Please shoot me an email at pres@laspositasgolf.com and let me know what you think will help to improve the club and to get you our and playing more golf.

The President's Cup (net club champion) event is happening this month. If you want the opportunity to get your name permanently engraved on the perpetual trophy, this is your chance to start. Entries are in this edition of the Chip Shot, so sign up today.

I hope everyone is having a great summer, just remember to get out and participate in a few men's club events while your at it! I hope to see you at the clubhouse.

Special Events !!

Tom Geary and Mike Rimington

The June General Membership Meeting was held on June 2nd at Beeb's Sports Bar and Grill. There were 16 members present. Due to an event in the banquet rooms our meeting was held on the patio. The men's club putting contest was held with a familiar name taking top honors. Pat Moore came in with a sizzling 28 to qualify for the finals in September. Way to go Pat!! Pat also took 1st in the raffle. The course is in great shape with what we think are the best greens in the Bay Area. Hope you all are taking advantage of the buy one green fee get one free certificates that have been handed out. Putting contest continues prior to the July meeting.

June Raffle Winners

1 st	Pat Moore	\$ 25.00
2 nd	Gregor Markel	\$ 20.00
3 rd	Dick Braden	\$15.00
4 th	Bob Goold	\$15.00

Putting Contest Winners Score

1 st	Pat Moore	28	\$18.00
2 nd	Bob Goold	30	\$12.00
3 rd	Mike Lisle	31	\$6.00
	Jim Palmer	31	\$6.00

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday July 7th at 7:00 pm. 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.

Check Writing 101

Alan Casamajor

Our bank is getting a little more cautious about the checks it will let us deposit. When you write a check, please remember to:

1. Include the complete date (month, day and year)
2. Sign your check
3. Write the numbers clearly so that the machine can read them.

We have had a couple of checks rejected in the past month because of these issues.

Hard work is paying off

Perry Mccollom

If you haven't played Las Positas lately, now is the time, the course may be in the best shape ever. The greens have been some of the best in the valley for some time now, fairways are the perfect length and the ruff is cut to nice consistent length. Every course has its worn areas and Las Positas is no different. The thing about our course is those areas are shrinking and there is evidence that our maintenance crew is diligently caring for those areas adding sand and marking worn areas as ground under repair allowing them time to heal. Here is an example, on the par 5 6th hole my approach shot settled just off the green short in a small worn area on about 8 inches in diameter. My first thought as I walked up to my ball was, just my luck, and it really was as this small area was circled in white for ground under repair.

To those taking care of our course, I'd just like to say THANKS for doing such a terrific job.

Pro Shop

Jeff De Benedetti

FARTHEST FROM THE PIN WINS

How many times have you hit a shot you thought was perfect, and it turned out to be off the green, either in the rough or in a bunker on the short side of the green? You go from thinking "birdie" to grinding to make par.

I have the answer to making more pars, more opportunities for birdie, and lowering your score. Aim more to the middle of the green as opposed to the pin when they are tucked. On average at Las Positas, if you are in the middle of all the greens, you should have no more that 20'. This will take the "grind" of making par out of the equation, and allow you to score better.

Try it next time you are out and your playing partner says "hit it close." You can respond by saying, "no thanks, the middle is where I'm going." See who has the better score at the end of the round.

Dates to remember!

Next General Meeting will be Wednesday July 7th 7:00 pm at Beeb's,

Upcoming Tournaments:

July 11-12 Two man total
Deadline: July 1st 5:00 pm

Other events and dates:

- Friday Skins continue, starting at 11:30 am.
Call the Pro-Shop to reserve your spot (925-443-3122).
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- Twilight league every other Thursday,
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

Congratulations!! to the teams of Jim Palmer and Pat Moore, and Robert Scott and George Nesbit for finishing in a tie for first in the 2 man total tournament on June 12th. Jim Palmer also contributed to Pete Iversons cause as Pete was lucky enough to get Jim in a Blind draw and finish third. Nice job guys.

June 12, 2010 - 2 Man Total Results						
Player	Gross	Hdcp	Net	Team	\$\$	Cup
Jim Palmer	78	8	70	147	\$69	10
Pat Moore	83	6	77		\$69	10
George Nesbit	81	12	69	147	\$69	10
Robert Scott	97	19	78		\$69	10
Pete Iverson	95	15	80	150	\$49	8
Blind Draw (J Palmer)	78	8	70			8
Jim Garfield	83	12	71	153	\$29	6.5
Ron Rentrop	92	10	82		\$29	6.5
Bill Gleason	85	10	75	153	\$29	6.5
Paul Senft	92	14	78		\$29	6.5
Doug Ungari	85	8	77	155	\$24	5
Joe Hernandez	87	9	78		\$24	5
Donald Martin	112	33	79	156		5
Richard Beck	101	24	77			5
Joe Cantu	85	10	75	158		5
Luis Huerta	103	20	83			5
Dennis Carr	87	6	81	158		5
George Gomez	78	1	77			5
Mike McCrory	88	9	79	160		5
Robert Marks	100	19	81			5
Bruce Potter	96	17	79	160		5
Bob Burt	107	26	81			5
Himanshu Pandya	93	12	81	161		5
Jesse South	82	2	80			5
Jerry Trayner	105	21	84	162		5
Josh Trayner	94	16	78			5
Bryant Bischoff	93	10	83	163		5
Rick Bischoff	90	10	80			5
Brian Gustavson	93	15	78	165		5
Paul Bowen	106	19	87			5
Mike Rimington	94	12	82	166		5
Tom Geary	94	10	84			5
Terry Parkinson	108	16	92	174		5
Dick Braden	100	18	82			5
Keith Wilson	133	27	106	180		5
Charlie Butkiewicz	97	23	74			5
					\$489	

Members Cup Race Standings

There are some changes at the top, Jim Palmer has moved up two spots to take the lead with 73.75 points, Tom Geary drops from first to second with 69.5 points, Mike McCrory drops from second to third with 68.

Looking good guys....

2010 LPMGC Members Point Standings

Pos	Name	Jan		Feb	Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Total
		16	23,24	6,7	13	21	17	24	8	15	12	26-27	
1	Palmer, Jim	5.00	5.00	5.25	5.0	13.0	5.0	8.5	12.0	5.0	10.0		73.75
2	Geary, Tom	10.75	5.00	5.25	11.0	6.5	7.0	9.0	5.0	5.0	5.0		69.50
3	McCrory, Mike	5.00	5.00	5.25	5.0	5.0	15.0	7.5	5.0	11.0	5.0		68.75
4	Cantu, Joseph	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.0	10.5	5.0	6.5	12.0	5.0	5.0		64.00
5	Rimington, Mike	5.00	5.00	5.25	11.0	11.3	10.8	9.0			5.0		62.33
6	Iverson, Pete	13.00	5.00	5.00	5.0		5.0		5.0	11.0	8.0		57.00
7	Scott, Robert	5.00	5.00	5.25	5.0	8.5	5.5	5.0	7.0		10.0		56.25
8	Bischoff, Richard	8.50	5.00	5.00	5.0	7.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0		56.00
9	Herbert, Eddie	5.00	5.00	11.00	8.0	5.0	10.8		6.0	5.0			55.75
10	Mccollom, Perry	5.00	5.00	7.50	8.2		5.0	5.0	12.0	8.0			55.70
11	Gleason, Bill	5.00	5.50	5.00		6.5	10.8	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.5		54.25
12	Carr, Dennis	15.00	5.00	5.00			5.0	7.5	5.0	5.0	5.0		52.50
13	Garfield, James	5.00	9.33	5.00		9.0	10.8	5.0			6.5		50.58
14	Holloway, Bill			5.00	8.2	11.3	8.5	11.0		6.5			50.53
15	Decena, Paul	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.0	15.0		5.0	5.0	5.0			50.00
16	Trayner, Josh	5.00		5.00	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	5.0	5.0		50.00
17	Byrom, Tom	5.00	5.00	11.00	8.0	5.0	5.0		9.5				48.50
18	Casamajor, Alan	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.0		5.0	5.0	12.0	6.5			48.50
19	Marks, Robert	7.00	9.33	5.25		5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0		5.0		46.58
20	Moore, Pat	5.00	5.00	5.25		5.0		5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0		45.25
21	Burt, Bob	15.00			5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0		5.0	5.0		45.00
22	Citta, Mike	5.00			5.0		8.5		15.0	11.0			44.50
23	Vantine, Harry	7.00	5.00	5.00	5.0		5.0	7.5	5.0	5.0			44.50
24	Simens, David	5.00	9.33		9.0	5.0	5.0	6.0		5.0			44.33
25	Gomez, George	10.75	5.00	5.00	7.0				6.0	5.0	5.0		43.75
26	Baffico, Ed			5.00	5.0	5.0	5.0		15.0	6.5			41.50
27	Senft, Paul	7.00	5.50	5.00			5.0	7.5	5.0		6.5		41.50
28	Chelucci, Chris	5.00	9.33		5.0	5.0	7.0	5.0		5.0			41.33
29	Braden, Richard		5.00		5.0	15.0		5.0	5.0		5.0		40.00
30	Potter, Bruce	5.00			5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0		40.00
31	Beacham, Michael	7.00				10.5	5.0	11.0	5.0				38.50
32	Rentrop, Ron	5.00	9.33			12.0		5.0			6.5		37.83
33	French, Jim	10.50		5.00		5.0		5.0	7.0	5.0			37.50
34	Bischoff, Bryant	7.00	5.00		5.0	5.0			5.0	5.0	5.0		37.00
35	Huerta, Luis	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.0	5.0		6.5			5.0		36.50
36	Wilcox, Dean					6.0	12.0	11.0		6.5			35.50
37	Nesbit, George				5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0		10.0		35.00
38	Taniguchi, Ken					5.0	5.0	5.0	12.0	6.5			33.50
39	Felton, Arlan		5.00	5.00		10.0			5.0	8.0			33.00
40	Moore, Matt	10.75			5.0	5.0	7.0		5.0				32.75

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 - PRESIDENT'S CUP / Net Champion

July 10 & 11, 2010
MEMBERS CUP EVENT

The President's Cup tournament is a major tournament requiring 20 posted rounds. It is a two-day individual medal play net tournament. The winner is our club NET CHAMPION! Players will be re-paired for the Sunday round. Handicap used will be July's.

Closest to holes Prizes

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, July 1 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: \$94

LPMGC - PRESIDENT'S CUP ENTRY

July 10 & 11, 2010

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

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

Provide all \$\$\$ for Group Entries

Checks Only Please !!!

Make Check(s) Payable to 'LPMGC'