



# Chip Shots

June 2010

## President's Message

*Gregor Markel*

I want to start off with congratulations to Walt Ehlers for putting together two good rounds and becoming our latest President's Cup Champion. Walt's two day total of 131 was enough for the championship, and his name will now be enshrined with past winners on our perpetual trophy in the golf shop.

Coming up quickly, we have our Members Open tournament, a new spin on the former Member / Guest event. This tournament is considered a regular LPMGC men's club tournament that is "open" so you can invite any guest to participate. The event will be a shotgun start and tournament format is a two-person scramble, which will be lots of fun. We will have multiple flights for guests with and without handicaps, and there will be a lunch at the end of the event. A copy of the entry form is in this issue of the Chip Shots. Another upcoming tournament is our Club Championship next month. This tournament is your last opportunity to "be like Walt" and get your name put on the LPMGC perpetual trophies for 2010. Sharpen your game now and get out to the course.

The twilight league is still rolling along. For those of you who want to participate in golf tournaments after work on Thursday nights, the league schedule is posted on the website along with dates and information. It is a great 9-hole event and lots of fun to participate in. Just one more reason to get out and play golf at the club.

We have started our half-yearly special for membership in the club, so if you have a friend who is interested in becoming a member and participating in club events, they can do so right now! The membership form and application fees for new memberships are on the website. This is a great deal for new members and would save them money over other clubs that would force them to join and pay dues for the entire year. We are constantly looking to expand our membership and obtain new members interested in active participation within the club. If you have a friend, the members open and our half-yearly special are great ways to get them involved now.

I hope to see everyone on the course.

## By-Laws Update

*Gregor Markel*

The board has been continually discussing ways to enhance the golf experience for their membership, and respond to membership requests to improve the club. We would like to take up discussions at our next scheduled general membership meeting to review and revise one of our club bylaws on minimum age for participation in the club.

Article 10, item 2 indicates the minimum age to become a full member of our club is 18. We would like to consider making a by laws change to lower the age limit to 16, and allow the opportunity for our current members to play golf with their sons in our tournaments. This also gives the younger golfers the opportunity to participate in tournament play and enhance their understanding of the USGA rules of golf, including pace of play and etiquette.

If we proceed forward with this by-laws revision, this would also revise the associated by law (Article 11, item 2 relating to junior membership participation for club prize funds).

We will discuss this item under New Business at our General Membership meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 2, 2010 at 7:00 PM at Beeb's Bar and Grill. If you have any comments or are unable to attend the meeting and would like to express your opinion, please feel free to email me at [pres@laspositasgolf.com](mailto:pres@laspositasgolf.com). We look forward to discussing this matter.

## **Dates to remember!**

Next General Meeting will be Wednesday  
Aug 4th 7:00 pm at Beeb's,

### **Upcoming Tournaments:**

Aug 7<sup>th</sup> Members Open  
See sign-up policy on page 2

Aug 15 Point Par - Stableford  
See sign-up policy on page 2

## 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.

## New Tournament Sign up policy!!!

Perry Mccollom

**For easier Tournament sign-up please use one of the following:**

1. Drop check in the Men's Club box at Las Positas before Thursday deadline.
2. **NEW!** If you're not able to get to the golf course you can sign-up by emailing your name, phone number, and designate what tournament you want to enter to [pres@laspositasgolf.com](mailto:pres@laspositasgolf.com) and [tourney1@laspositasgolf.com](mailto:tourney1@laspositasgolf.com), and you're in! Sign-up as a group or a single. You can mail your check to the address on the entry form or pay the day of the tournament.
3. **NEW!** There will also be a sign-up sheet for the next Tournament at the scorer's table on each Tournament day, just sign, leave your phone number, and you're in! See Jeff or Scott at the scorer's table if you don't see the sign up sheet.

In all cases, if you need to cancel you must call to at least 24 hours ahead of tournament starting time (925-443-3122). **No shows are not acceptable.**

Now that's easy, see you at the next tournament.

## Special Events!!

Tom Geary and Mike Rimington

The July general membership meeting was held on July 7<sup>th</sup> at Beeb's sports bar and grill. There were 14 members present. Our monthly putting contest was held with Pat Moore again taking top honors. We have two more months August and the finals in September. So far Pat Moore and Mike Lisle have Qualified for the finals. Come on out and see if you can add your name to the list. Congratulations to Walt Ehlers who won this years Presidents cup Tournament. We would also like to bid a farewell to long time member Joe Cantu who is relocating to the Dallas area. Good luck Joe!!

### July Raffle winners

1 <sup>st</sup>	Paul Disbrow	\$ 25.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dick Braden	\$ 20.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Robert Scott	\$15.00
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Rimington	\$10.00

### Putting contest winners Score

1 <sup>st</sup>	Pat Moore	31	\$18.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jim Palmer	32	\$12.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rick Bischoff	33	\$10.00

The next General Membership meeting will be held on Wednesday August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there. Putting contest prior to the meeting.

## Pro Shop

Jeff De Benedetti

### SLOW DOWN

Your Tee shot comes to rest behind a tree 150 yards from the green. Overhanging limbs block your line to the flag, but a low shot could roll up to the target. Resist the urge to smash down on the ball. That adds backspin and actually produces a higher ball flight. Instead, use a middle or long iron, grip down an inch and take a full swing at half speed. The lower the club head speed, the less spin you put on the ball. With reduced spin and the lower loft of a 4- or 5-iron, you'll have no trouble keeping the ball down-and sending it to the green.

## 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](http://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)

## 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.

## 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](http://www.laspositasgolf.com)



# 2010 LPMGC Members Point Standings

Pos	Name	Jan		Feb	Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Jul	Total
		16	23,24	6,7	13	21	17	24	8	15	12	26-27		
1	McCrary, Mike	5.00	5.00	5.25	5.0	5.0	15.0	7.5	5.0	11.0	5.0	7.5	9.0	85.25
2	Cantu, Joseph	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.0	10.5	5.0	6.5	12.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	15.0	84.00
3	Herbert, Eddie	5.00	5.00	11.00	8.0	5.0	10.8		6.0	5.0		10.0	13.0	78.75
4	Palmer, Jim	5.00	5.00	5.25	5.0	13.0	5.0	8.5	12.0	5.0	10.0		5.0	78.75
5	Geary, Tom	10.75	5.00	5.25	11.0	6.5	7.0	9.0	5.0	5.0	5.0		5.0	74.50
6	Scott, Robert	5.00	5.00	5.25	5.0	8.5	5.5	5.0	7.0		10.0	5.0	8.5	69.75
7	Rimington, Mike	5.00	5.00	5.25	11.0	11.3	10.8	9.0			5.0		5.0	67.33
8	Iverson, Pete	13.00	5.00	5.00	5.0		5.0		5.0	11.0	8.0	5.0	5.0	67.00
9	Gleason, Bill	5.00	5.50	5.00		6.5	10.8	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.5	5.0	7.5	66.75
10	Bischoff, Richard	8.50	5.00	5.00	5.0	7.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	66.00
11	Mccollom, Perry	5.00	5.00	7.50	8.2		5.0	5.0	12.0	8.0		5.0	5.0	65.70
12	Garfield, James	5.00	9.33	5.00		9.0	10.8	5.0			6.5	7.5	5.0	63.08
13	Simens, David	5.00	9.33		9.0	5.0	5.0	6.0		5.0		5.0	11.5	60.83
14	Marks, Robert	7.00	9.33	5.25		5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0		5.0	7.5	5.0	59.08
15	Byrom, Tom	5.00	5.00	11.00	8.0	5.0	5.0		9.5			5.0	5.0	58.50
16	Carr, Dennis	15.00	5.00	5.00			5.0	7.5	5.0	5.0	5.0		5.5	58.00
17	Nesbit, George				5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0		10.0	15.0	7.5	57.50
18	Holloway, Bill			5.00	8.2	11.3	8.5	11.0		6.5			5.0	55.53
19	Burt, Bob	15.00			5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0		5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	55.00
20	Trayner, Josh	5.00		5.00	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	5.0	5.0		5.0	55.00
21	Citta, Mike	5.00			5.0		8.5		15.0	11.0		5.0	5.0	54.50
22	Senft, Paul	7.00	5.50	5.00			5.0	7.5	5.0		6.5	7.5	5.5	54.50
23	Casamajor, Alan	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.0		5.0	5.0	12.0	6.5			5.0	53.50
24	Bischoff, Bryant	7.00	5.00		5.0	5.0			5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	5.0	52.00
25	Chelucci, Chris	5.00	9.33		5.0	5.0	7.0	5.0		5.0		5.0	5.0	51.33
26	Simens, Bob		5.00		8.2			8.5		5.0		13.0	11.5	51.20
27	Decena, Paul	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.0	15.0		5.0	5.0	5.0				50.00
28	Potter, Bruce	5.00			5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	50.00
29	French, Jim	10.50		5.00		5.0		5.0	7.0	5.0		12.0		49.50
30	Vantine, Harry	7.00	5.00	5.00	5.0		5.0	7.5	5.0	5.0		5.0		49.50
31	Taniguchi, Ken					5.0	5.0	5.0	12.0	6.5		10.0	5.5	49.00
32	Rentrop, Ron	5.00	9.33			12.0		5.0			6.5	5.0	5.0	47.83
33	Baffico, Ed			5.00	5.0	5.0	5.0		15.0	6.5		5.0		46.50
34	Moore, Pat	5.00	5.00	5.25		5.0		5.0	5.0	5.0	10.0			45.25
35	Braden, Richard		5.00		5.0	15.0		5.0	5.0		5.0		5.0	45.00
36	Ehlers, Walter		5.00		9.0		5.0	6.0		5.0			15.0	45.00
37	Gomez, George	10.75	5.00	5.00	7.0				6.0	5.0	5.0			43.75
38	Beacham, Michael	7.00				10.5	5.0	11.0	5.0				5.0	43.50
39	Butkiewicz, Charlie				8.2	8.5	5.5				5.0	11.0	5.0	43.20
40	Hernandez, Joe					12.0	5.0		5.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	5.0	43.00

## 2010 LPMGC Schedule

		Entry Deadline
Jan. 16 Sat	Individual Medal and <b>2010 Members Cup Championship</b>	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-Open 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 6<sup>th</sup>

March 3<sup>rd</sup>

May 5<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> Putting Contest)

June 2<sup>nd</sup>

July 7<sup>th</sup>

August 4<sup>th</sup>

September 1<sup>st</sup> (Final Putting Contest)

November 3<sup>rd</sup> (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 MEMBER OPEN

Saturday August 7, 2010  
Cup Participation Points

The Member Open tournament is a 2 Man Scramble.  
If you can't find a partner from the Men's Club, this is your one opportunity a year to bring someone who is not a member of the club!

Play as a member-member team, or invite a guest. Bring a friend, spouse, family member, or another member. Don't have a handicap? Not to worry; there will be a blind bogey flight for teams with one or both players without a USGA handicap!

Play will be at 90% of August's index or blind bogey handicap

Closest to holes

Tee prize for ALL

Lunch & beverage included

7:00 am SHOTGUN START

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, July 29, 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: **\$64**

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LPMGC Members Open  
Saturday August 7, 2010

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_ GHIN# \_\_\_\_\_ or BB

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_ GHIN# \_\_\_\_\_ or BB

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 Please !!!*

*Make Checks Payable to 'LPMGC'*

# POINT PAR / STABLEFORD TOURNAMENT

Sunday August 15, 2010

## Members Cup Event

The Point Par / Stableford tournament give's you the opportunity to compete against the field on a point-based scoring system called modified Stableford. This scoring system rewards risk taking.

For example; net scores of one birdie plus one bogey is worth more points (+1) than two pars (0), and double bogey or worse counts the same as a bogey!

Participants must have (5) posted rounds or a handicap established by our handicap chairmen to compete for prize fund money.

Flights based on number of entrants.

Play will be at 100% of handicap.

8 Points for a double eagle; 5 Points for eagle; 2 Points for birdie; 0 points for par; -1 point for bogey or worse.

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, August 5 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**

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## POINT PAR / STABLEFORD TOURNAMENT

August Sunday 15, 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*

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