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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brian Wanzer

Concentration, Confidence, Competitive urge,
Capacity for enjoyment.....Arnold Palmer

Hello again,

The Men's Club is off to a great start. We are getting full fields for our first two events of the year, which is outstanding! We are working hard as a board to ensure our outings are fun for all of our members. Thank you to the members who have given us great feedback already to make this year a great one. Our new board is settling in, and we are all beginning to hit the ground rolling in our new roles.

There has been what I consider a ton of changes. The new handicap roll out was one of the biggies that had us all in various states of bewilderment. Now that things are settling down, I am sure that in the next few months it will even itself out, and we will all understand why the changes were needed.

I want to thank Mike Munro our tournament chair for helping everyone in our club get their handicaps right for our tournaments. This was a tough job, things were not smooth

with the NCGA rollout of the changes, and he managed to get it all fixed for us.

When you see him ...please shake his hand and thank him! Great Job Mike!

Lastly, Our men's club gave out a few gift cards to the pro shop staff for all they do for our members everyday. They were well received, with many thanks for our thoughtful efforts in recognizing them. Our hope is this positive step forward will reap huge rewards for our club and members.

Until next time....hit em long and straight...

Brian Wanzer, President
Men's Golf Club of Lincoln Hills

SPONSORS:

Pete Saco

The New Year has arrived and it is extremely important to visit or utilize our sponsors for your business. We are always looking for new sponsors, so if anyone has a lead on a potential sponsor, please email me at psaco52@gmail.com. Otherwise best wishes for a great year and make sure and thank our sponsors if you see them in the community.

Pete

RULES CHAIRMAN

Roger Val

This month is rule quiz time again. The following are two rule situations asking for the final score of the hole. The answers will be found on the last page.

Situation 1
The player's ball lies 3 on the putting green with a 10 foot downhill putt. The player putts and the ball rolls past the hole and comes to rest in a deep bunker about 25 feet from the hole.

The player places another ball on the on the original spot on the green and holes the putt. What is the players score?

Situation 2
The player's tee shot comes to rest in a bush in a desert area. The player declares his ball unplayable and drops with-in two club lengths. The lie of the ball and the vegetation on the line of play is not good and decides that the drop was not a
good decision and the replay option from the tee would have been a better choice.

The player returns to the tee and plays a stroke to the fairway and 4 additional strokes to complete the hole. What is the player's score?

Remember "It is what you think you know is what you don't know".

Roger

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Mike Munro

Our second 2020 Tournament, the “Valentine’s Day Massacre” played on Tuesday February 11th, is now in the books … congratulations to all money winners … and commiserations to all others.

We were again very lucky with the weather … could not have asked for much better than that in February … the balls sure rolled a long way … even if not always in the right direction.
Again we had a very good sign-up and an almost full field - 35 foursomes out of 36 max - in four Flights.

Thanks to everyone who played, and I’m glad that everyone seemed to enjoy the Lone-Ranger format. I’m also pleased to report that no-one actually murdered their Lone-Ranger playing partner … though in my own case I think my partners came mighty close!

The pace-of-play was actually not too bad given the Tournament format and field size, however there were a couple of spots on the back-9 “trouble holes” that did back-up a bit. We’ll see what we more can do to further improve that moving forward.

Our next Tournament, the "Tournament of Champions” (TOC) and “Just for Fun” (JFF) will be an Individual Net Stroke Play event … scheduled for March 10th. Additionally, for those who have qualified, the annual Penny Carolan Shootout will also be held on Hole #1 on March 10th, immediately prior to the Tournament start.

The online Tournament Sign-up will be opened in the last week of February and we really encourage everyone to sign-up. The MGCLH Monthly Tournaments are one of the major activities and benefits of our Men’s Golf Club membership, and we absolutely encourage all Members to participate in as many of them as possible.

REMINDERS: All players must check in at the Pro Shop before all Tuesday events. During each tournament, please fully participate in our Course-Care Initiative, and use the provided extra sand-buckets to fill as many Fairway divots as possible. Please repair all ball marks on the Greens. Also last, but certainly not least, please ensure you avoid slow play by keeping up with the players in front of you.

Mike

Recent Holes in One:
Chuck Gould, 5th hole on the Hills course, 7 iron.
Dennis Cumiford, 16th hole on the Orchard, 3 hybrid.

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HANDICAP REPORT

Rob Davies

There seems to be a little confusion on Course Handicaps and why these numbers appear to be lower than we received under the old system. The answer is very simple: The formula added an extra step which adds the course rating (not slope) and then subtracts the par of the course.

Example: 12.5 Index playing the Hills Course from the White tees (68.4 / 120)
Old formula: Course Handicap = Index X Slope / 113
Course Handicap = 12.5 X 120 / 113 = 13.27 or 13 strokes
New formula: Course Handicap = Index X Slope / 113 + (Course rating – Par)
Course Handicap = 12.5 X 120 / 113 + (68.4 – 72) = 9.67 or 10 strokes (round up)

As you can see, the low course rating and subtracting par will cause the course handicap to be lower than your index. Important point to remember, everyone is using the same formula so everyone will be equally affected. The powers to be felt the extra step more accurately reflects the "potential" of each individual golfer. Your handicap is not designed to be an average, but rather what you could score on one of your best days. Winning scores in our tournaments will become much closer to par with this new system, which is actually the way the handicap system was designed. Hope this clears up a little of the confusion.

Till next month, hit them long and straight and remember to post all your rounds.
Rob

MEMBERSHIP

Bob Schoenherr

Year to date, and we have 235 renewing members, plus 19 new members, for a total of 254 in MGCLH.

The fee for 2019 includes your hole-in-one insurance. Any member who has a hole- in-one in a club tournament/event will receive up to $250 to pay their "Hole in One" bar bill. By registering early, helps the Board construct a realistic budget for 2020,

Men's Club website (www.mgclh.club)

Bob

CVS [CENTRAL VALLEY SENIORS]

Steve Beede, Director, Assistant, Jesse Reuter

Central Valley Seniors (CVS) gives you the opportunity to play some of the nicest private country clubs in our area with a hot meal for $47. It's a great way to meet fellow men's club members traveling to these courses. CVS sign up forms are available in the pro shop or on our men's club website. It is only $50 for 2020 with a check payable to MGCLH/ CVS.

Our schedule for 2020 is:

April 20th Sierra View CC
April 27th Timber Creek GC

May 18th Valley Hi CC
June 1st Yolo Fliers CC
June 15th Stockton CC
June 29th Woodbridge CC
July 13th El Macero CC
August 3rd Rancho Murieta CC
August 17th North Ridge CC
August 31st Cameron Park CC
September 14th Lincoln Hills

If there are any questions, please contact Jesse Reuter or Steve Beede.
Best Regards,
Jesse & Steve

SUNSHINE ALERT

Jim McGeough
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From time to time, someone in the Men's Golf Club, or their spouse or family will have a serious illness or pass away. As head of the Sunshine Alert effort, I would like to be informed of these events so I can send the person or their family an appropriate card.

Also, if the member agrees, this information will be publicized in our monthly Linksletter so all members will be aware.

Jim

Webmaster

Al Soares

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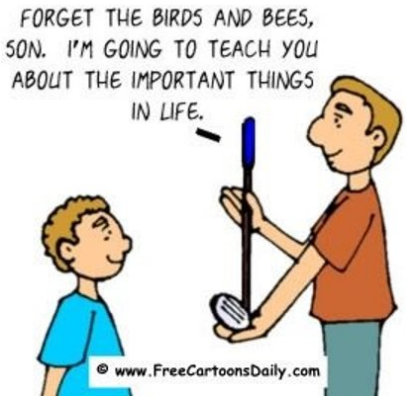
Quiz Answers
Situation 1: Score is 6
The player lays 3 on the putting green. The player then played one stroke on the putting green into the bunker. The player gets 1 stroke penalty (18-1 stroke and distance) then one stroke to complete the hole.

Situation 2: Score is 8
The player played one stroke from the teeing ground. The player gets a one stroke penalty for the unplayable ball rule. The ball is in play and the player returns to the tee under 18-1 (stroke and distance). The player then played from the tee and takes four more strokes to complete the hole.



Doug Hinchey

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