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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

*By President Dave Jansen*



I hope all of you had a great Christmas and will have a great new year

golfing. Your Board is beginning to settle in and the new guys are beginning to understand what is expected of them. I think all of you will agree that John Vass along with his committee did a great job in putting on the Slossfest Tournament. I am also happy to see that the on-line sign-ups for this tournament went fairly well with the exception of those that signed up as a group and not individually. It is important for you to sign-up individually so John can minimize the time required to enter players into a tournament. If you want to play with a group, note it on the bottom of the screen and John will do his best to accommodate you.

The Club financials for 2012 were all positive leaving us with a residual balance. Looking forward at this year, we are running below target for our membership by about 40 players. If this remains at this level we will need to tap into our residual. Therefore, if you know of anyone that hasn't signed up and wants to play, you might tell them what a great deal it is playing in our Club and get them to sign-up.

The schedule of all tournaments for this year are posted on our on-line web page (lhmgc.com). If you have a chance to check out this year's schedule, you will also see the CVS dates included on it. For all you new members to the Club, I would strongly encourage you to open the sidebar on our web page and read the Club By-Laws and Local Rules. It is your responsibility to know the local rules when playing in our tournaments. Also, remember that all Club tournament posting is done by our Tournament Chair, except for the individual matches played in the Presidents Cup. But **YOU** do have to post your own scores from the Tuesday shotguns put on by the Pro Shop and any other time you play.

Let's hope the weather starts getting a little warmer, because it is getting hard to hit the ball when my hands are frozen!

Dave Jansen

## TOURNEY REPORT

*By John Vass*



Many thanks to all who offered support and kind words to our very new tournament chairman it was much appreciated. The whole experience makes me realize what a good job Howard Hamilton and Herb Ingraham did last year.

After a few sputters, frost delays and lurches the Winter Slosfest is in the record books. The field played the tournament between four and a half to five hours. That's not too bad for a play them all out, putt them all out tournament.

Congratulations to all the winners for a well played round. It was truly an eventful day. We were playing the Hills and the scores were low. The six flight winners this time included:

- Flight 1 John Vass (62)
- Flight 2 Bruce Hogan (65)
- Flight 3 George Wuschnig (63)
- Flight 4 Al Soares (67)
- Flight 5 Simon Palaroan (67)
- Flight 6 Denny Wong (60)

Some great shots were hit in the Slosfest and the closest to the pin winners were:

- Number 5 Bruce Hogan 7' 9"
- Number 7 Charley Kendall 5' 11"
- Number 12 John Vass 4' 9"
- Number 16 Virgil Dahl 5' 3"

Next time let's take Mercer Tyson's \$500 for a hole in one on 16 and Penney Caroline's offer of \$250 for an eagle on number 2. These sponsors are very generous. I know they would be happy to pay and our players would be happy to take their money.

Many thanks to our tournament workers Bill Rapp, Tony Dipaola, Jason Hong and Bruce Hogan, it is our wish to make each tournament a little bit better than the last one.

Our next tournament will be a Lincoln Hills Scramble. The tournament will level out the handicaps on the teams with A,B,C,and D players and have each player hit a minimum of three drives. We will be playing the Orchard at 9AM, frost permitting. Tuesday, February 26 is the date and the signup deadline is Thursday,

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February 21<sup>st</sup>. It is important for each player to sign up individually on line. If you cannot make it after signing up please let us know as soon as possible so arrangements can be made. Let's tee it up and have some fun.

Please feel free to contact me with any ideas for tournaments or improvements to existing tournaments. It is our sincere desire to make it as much fun as we can.

*John Vass*

## MEMBERSHIP

*By Rodger Oswald*

As of this edition of the newsletter, our Men's Club has 252 members – 19 of whom are new members and 2 are returning members. Because we have moved into 2013, all new applications for membership (renewal or new) are now \$91. Please do not register for club membership and CVS with the same check.

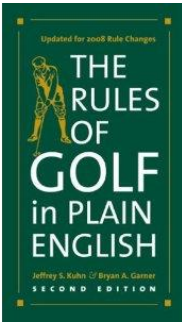
Should anyone have any problems recording scores with the NCGA, or if you are not receiving emails with tournament information, please let me know.

We welcome our new members and look forward to a fantastic 2013!!

Rodger Oswald

Membership Chairman

## Rules Corner



### The following question was sent to us.

In Davis in a tournament a fellow player did not drop from the drop area and instead dropped no closer to the hole but where his ball went into the water...later after the round was finished he was

Disqualified as the official stated you must drop from a drop area when it is posted as a drop area.....Yesterday i watched as players on # 2 hit their ball in the water then proceeded to cross the lake and hit from the other side....can you check with our "rules" official and let me know which is the correct play as per usga rules  
?????

Unless use of the Drop Zone was mandatory, the decision is questionable

### The following is from the USGA Rules concerning Drop Zones.

If the *Committee* considers that it is not feasible or practicable to proceed in accordance with a Rule providing relief, it may establish dropping zones in which balls may or must be dropped when taking relief. Generally, such dropping zones should be provided as an additional relief option to those available under the Rule itself, rather than being mandatory.

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Using the example of a dropping zone for a *water hazard*, when such a dropping zone is established, the following Local Rule is recommended:

“If a ball is in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in the water hazard (specify location), the player may:

- (i) proceed under Rule 26; or
- (ii) as an additional option, drop a ball, under penalty of one stroke, in the dropping zone.

### **PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:**

Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes.”

**Note:** When using a dropping zone the following provisions apply regarding the dropping and re-dropping of the ball:

- (a) The player does not have to stand within the dropping zone when dropping the ball.
- (b) The dropped ball must first strike a part of the *course* within the dropping zone.
- (c) If the dropping zone is defined by a line, the line is within the dropping zone.
- (d) The dropped ball does not have to come to rest within the dropping zone.
- (e) The dropped ball must be re-dropped if it rolls and comes to rest in a position covered by Rule 20-2c(i-vi).
- (f) The dropped ball may roll nearer the *hole* than the spot where it first struck a part of the *course*, provided it comes to

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rest within two clublengths of that spot and not into any of the positions covered by (e).

(g) Subject to the provisions of (e) and (f), the dropped ball may roll and come to rest nearer the *hole* than:

- its original position or estimated position (see Rule 20-2b);
- the *nearest point of relief* or maximum available relief (Rule 24-2, 25-1 or 25-3); or
- the point where the original ball last crossed the margin of the *water hazard* or *lateral water hazard* (Rule 26-1).

Our local rule is as follows

**There are two (2) optional Drop Zones. One (1) optional drop zone is located on Hole #2, Hills Course, and one (1) optional Drop Zone is located on Hole #3, Orchard Course. If a ball is in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in the ESA or the water hazard on either of these two (2) holes, the player may either 1) proceed under Rule 26-1 (Relief for Ball in Water Hazard) or 2) as an additional option, drop a ball, under penalty of one stroke, in the Drop Zone. For NCGA Qualifiers and NCGA Team Match Play, these Drop Zones shall not be used as a relief option under Rule 26-1 (this provision shall not apply to “Just-For-Fun” events conducted concurrently with either of these two (2) events.**

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I know this will raise additional questions which we can address next month.

## CENTRAL VALLEY SENIORS

By John Engelmann

CVS has been in the Sacramento area for more than 20 years. We play 12 different golf courses in the area, mostly private clubs that would be difficult to play if you're not a member. CVS not only plays these private courses, but for our members, the cost is just \$40 and that includes cart and lunch. If you want to walk, it costs even less. Play consists of shotgun starts in the a.m. and p.m. A great opportunity for new members to get acquainted.

We are limited to 75 members from our Sun City Club and we are fast approaching that number with over 80% of last year's members already signed-up. If you have questions about CVS, please give me a call @ 916-209-3736

Sign up in the Pro Shop, time is running out.

**John Engelmann**

## **Superintendents Corner**

By Jason Wolf

### Golf Course Update

As we continue to stay busy during the winter months, a few projects are about to wrap up. The edging of the bunkers on the Orchard course will be completed by February 1<sup>st</sup> and the cutting back of the deer grass on the Hills course will be finished up next week. Once these projects are complete, we will shift our focus to the continued removal of the built up sand around the collars. You will also see the aerification of fairways and tees starting within the next couple of weeks. Fairway fertilizing will begin next week and it will be in a liquid form. Why liquid? Well, this time of year when the soil temps are in the 40's there is very little microbial activity in the soil. Microbes break down the fertilizer so the plant can absorb it through the roots. When fertilizers are in a liquid form they are absorbed through the grass blade making it readily available for the plant. Calcium Nitrate and Iron will be applied so this should give us a little green up without pushing a lot of growth. Frosty mornings have plagued us for the past two weeks, frustrating for all of us. I assure you that we do everything possible to get you out on the course ASAP, while keeping the safety of the greens in mind. Try to stay warm out there!

**Jason Wolf**  
Superintendent

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