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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By President Dave Jansen



Besides the weather, another thing that makes for a more enjoyable

round of golf is a decent pace-of-play. Last year a majority of our tournaments were played in 4.5 hours or less with the exception of the Monster tournament which we are looking to improve this year. Remember that we all need to be aware of where the group is in front of us and if they are on the green when you get ready to hit (with the exception of the Par 3s) you are beginning to fall behind. Being behind by one hole or more is not good and your foursome should be doing everything possible to speed your play along. Doing this will make for a more pleasant round of golf for most everyone. So, go out this year, play golf, keep up with the group in front of you and have fun!!

Last month I mentioned that the NCGA was going to be rating one of our courses on April 22nd but I didn't know which one. Now I know that the Hills course will be rated first and only for the men's tees. In addition, I recently found out that the NCGA will be coming back on May 30th to rate the Orchard course. I hope the Orchard course gets a higher slope rating

than 113 because I think it plays a lot harder than that rating would suggest. Coming up next month (May 28, 29) we will be playing the Club Championship. This year if you play in the Club Championship it will be two days, the first day played on the Hills course than the next day on the Orchard course. If you want to play in the "Just for Fun" part of the Club Championship, you will play only the second day on the Orchard course. In addition, after golf on the second day, the Club will be hosting a lunch for **ALL** its members. During lunch, we will have our first Members meeting of the year and therefore you **do not need to play in the tournament** to attend the meeting and have lunch.

Dave Jansen

TOURNEY REPORT

By John Vass



The *Tournament Report*

Since our last reporting two tournaments have taken place: The NCGA Four Ball Qualification/Just for Fun Four Ball Tournament March 19th and The NCGA Zone Qualification/Just For Fun Foursome on April 9th.

The two NCGA Four Ball Qualifiers are the twosomes of Walter Burke and Denis Niemeyer (-12) and Larry Quinn and Lou Lovotti (-7). Congratulations to the winning teams. The two-man best ball format was a familiar one for our players.

First Place (60)

Walter Burke and Denis Niemeyer.

Second Place (65)

Larry Quinn and Lou Lovotti.

Third Place (66)

Bill Rapp and Dennis Meddles.

Fourth Place (67)

Dennis Wenger and Bob Williams.

Fifth Place (67)

John Vass and George Wuschnig

Sixth Place (67)

Arnold Garcia and Ed Dell

The closest to the pin winners include.

Hole 7

Jess Linville (5' 8") and Bruce Hogan (10' 5")

Hole 16

Dennis Meddles (7' 4") and John Kaye (7' 9")

Congratulations to all the winners and good luck to the players who are moving on and representing Lincoln Hills Men's Club.

In the Just For Fun Four Ball Tournament three flights made the competition a bit more fun. In the Second Flight James Page and John Salmela carded the low score (61) for the Just For Fun Tournament.

Here is a list of our flight winners.

Flight 1First Place (62)

Joe McLeod and Stan Perry

Second Place (64)

Joseph Fahey and Bill Higgins

Third Place (64)

Bob Bonomini and Richard Yamasaki

Flight 2First Place (61)

James Page and John Salmela

Second Place (63)

Bob Varley and Ron Roberson

Third Place (64)

Mike Phillips and Bill Richardson

Flight 3First Place (62)

John Langskov and Richard Hansen

Second Place (63)

Larry Ridley and Mike Mathes

Third Place (64)

Ed Morgan and Tom Cauge

Closest to the PinsHole 4

Rich Long (7' 8") and Joe McLeod (9' 9")

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Joe Varner (2' 7") and Allan Raybak (3' 8")

The April 9th Zone Qualifier/Just For Fun Foursome-Tournaments were two best balls of the foursome. The tournament seemed to play a little longer for some reason between five and five and a half hours compared to less than five hours for the two man best ball. We will continue to monitor playing time and try to improve. We will shoot for four and a half hours to less than five hours in a tournament.

Our Zone Qualifiers played a great round with a score of 122 that is -22 for two best balls on the Orchard. Congratulations to Bill Bowen, Jess Linville, Walter Burke and Denis Niemeyer. On April 15 and 16 in the next round of play our Lincoln Hills Team finished second to Sunset Whitney only two strokes off the pace. Here are the winners April 9 tournament winners listed by teams and scores.

2013 NCGA Zone QualifierFirst Place (-22)

Bill Bowen, Walter Burke, Jess Linville, and Denis Niemeyer

Second Place (-17)

Howard Hamilton, Roy Jordan, Dudley Lewis, and Paul Apfel

Third Place (-14)

Frank Burkhead, Steve Mumma, Joe Fahey, and Ron Cook

Just For Fun FoursomeFlight 1First Place (-16)

Paul Yeager, Les Hanson, Bob Bonomini, and Richard Yamasaki

Second Place (-16)

Joe McLeod, Stan Perry, Tom Traxel, and (Roll In)

Third Place (-14)

Peter Harper, Rich Long, Brian Stowe, and Tom Beck

Flight 2First Place (-19)

Dee Reynolds, Larry Ridley, Mike Mathes, and Russ Galvan

Second Place (-13)

Arnold Garcia, Dave Evans, John Milbauer, and Warren Sonnenburg

Third Place (-11)

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Roger Oswald, John Langskov, Bill Boyd, and
Richard Hansen

[Closest To The Pins](#)

[Hole 4](#)

Richard Yamasaki 4' 7" and Dennis Cumiford 9' 1"

[Hole 7](#)

Paul Apfel 2' 5" and Joe Angel 8'

[Hole 11](#)

Ron Roberson 3' 10" and Ed Lazarek 4' 10"

[Hole 16](#)

Gene Andrews 4' 5" and Joe Angel 16' 3"

Thanks to Penny Carolan of Carolan Properties who is sponsoring one of the Par 3's in each of our tournaments. Carolan Properties will provide an additional cash prize for first place on one of the holes close in the amount of \$20. At the end of the year there will be a "Hole in one Shootout."

Our Tournament Committee is working hard to make sure the tournaments go well. Many thanks to Tony Dipaola, Les Hanson, Bill Rapp, Jason Hong and Bruce Hogan who served in that capacity. It is important to point out the scoreboard is not official. But it is nice to see the scores posted to get an idea where you stand after the round. As always if you have any suggestions to improve our tournaments or if you for see any problems or situations that we should be aware of please contact John Vass at 916 209 8430 or jvass@sbceo.org. We will try to do our best to make things enjoyable for all.

John Vass

MEMBERSHIP

By Rodger Oswald

MEMBERSHIP

SHARE A GOOD THING!! You and 265 others are members of an excellent men's golf club. Why not let others know of the benefits of being a part of LINCOLN HILLS MEN'S GOLF CLUB? In addition to our monthly tournaments, we have weekly (Tuesday) "mini-tournaments." The camaraderie and completion is an enjoyable part of being a member. In addition to the tournaments, membership entitles you to be a part

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of the Central Valley Seniors which allows you to play country clubs in our area. Membership also gives you a chance to be a part of our Lincoln Hills Men's Club team that competes against other clubs in the area. Of course some of our tournaments offer meals that include your significant other. All-in-all a great deal. Let others know and let our club grow ... numerically and in excellence. If you have a question about membership, please let me know.

Rodger Oswald

Membership Chairman

CENTRAL VALLEY SENIORS

By John Engelmann

Central Valley Seniors Tournament Schedule

2013

1 Sierra View	15-Apr-13
2 Timber Creek	22-Apr-13
3 El Macero	6-May-13
4 Cameron Park	20-May-13
5 Woodbridge	10-Jun-13
6 Lincoln Hills	24-Jun-13
7 Stockton	8-Jul-13
8 Valley Hi	22-Jul-13
9 Rancho Murieta	5-Aug-13
10 North Ridge	19-Aug-13
11 Peach Tree	9-Sep-13
12 Yolo Fliers	30-Sep-13

All events on Monday
double shotgun
at 8:00 A.M and 1:00 P.M.
Except for Rancho
8AM and 9AM Diff course
Peach Tree is AM only

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

Rules Corner

By Jim Pinnell, Contributing Member

“Magnetic Attachment”

Recently Stan asked me if it was permissible prior to the start of a round to attach magnetic weights (the approximate size of nickels) to a club for the purpose of increasing the weight of the club and to then use the club during a round of play.

The answer is “No”.

How can this be you might ask when the Rules of Golf do allow a player, prior to a round, to place adhesive lead tape to a club and to then use the club during a round of play.

Answer--the pre-round attachment of lead tape is allowed because it has been ruled to be the only exception to the otherwise applicable Rule 4-1 Form and Make of Clubs of the Rules of Golf.

Rule 4-1a, Form and Make of Clubs, General reads in part:

The player’s clubs must conform with this Rule and provisions, specifications and interpretations set forth in Appendix II.

Appendix II, 1b (I and ii), Design of Clubs, Adjustability, reads in part:

All clubs may incorporate features for weight adjustment. Other forms of adjustability may also be permitted upon evaluation by the USGA. The following requirements

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apply to all permissible methods of adjustment:

- (i) the adjustment cannot be readily made,
- (ii) All adjustable parts are firmly fixed and there is no reasonable likelihood of them working loose during a round;

Decision 4-1/4 Lead Tape Applied to Clubhead or Shaft Before Start of Round reads:

Q. Before the start of a round, may a player attach lead tape to a clubhead or shaft for the purpose of adjusting weight?

A. Yes. The use of lead tape is an exception to Appendix II, 1b(ii).

The Guide to the Rules on Clubs and Balls, a USGA publication that contains guidelines to help manufacturers, rules officials and other interested parties interpret the Rules relating to the design and manufacture of golf clubs and balls, as set forth in Appendices II and III of the Rules of Golf reads in part under Clubs, Adjustability for Weight:

As noted in Design of Clubs, Section 1a, with respect to adjustments for weight, the only exception to the conditions described in (i) above is the addition or removal of lead tape.

This practice which pre-dates the introduction of the adjustability rules and is permitted on “traditional” ground. The addition or removal of lead tape during a round is not permitted (See Rule 4-2a and Decision 4-2/0.5 “Decisions

on the Rules of Golf”) (emphasis added).

If the only exception to the adjustability of a club for weight is the addition or removal of lead tape prior to the start of a round, then the addition of magnetic discs for the same purpose is excluded.

Thank you Stan for your question. May the (“magnetic”) force be with you.

That’s it for now.

Jim Pinnell, Contributing Member

Superintendents Corner **By Jason Wolf**

As the temperatures finally start to increase, so does the maintenance on the golf course.

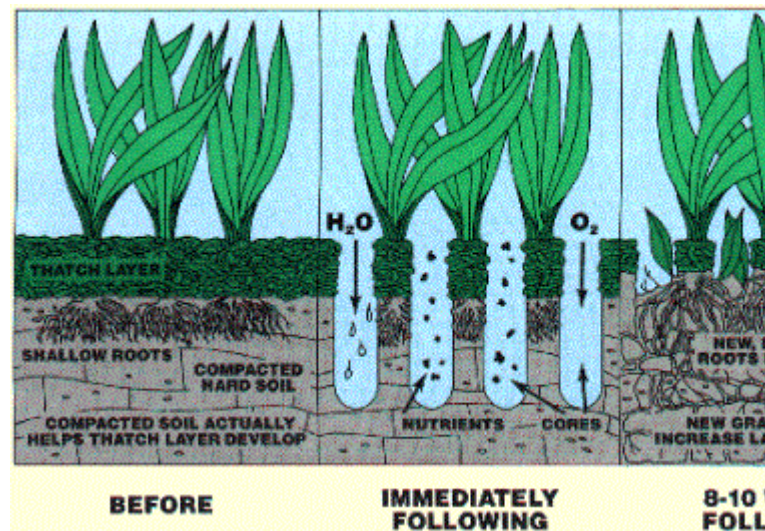
Currently, fertilization of the rough is one of our top priorities. Our fertilizer application is impregnated with Dithiopyr, a pre-emergence that controls the germination of crabgrass. This product will also be applied on tee tops and fairways, but in a liquid form. Once the rough is fertilized, tees and fairways will be fertilized with a slow release fertilizer to keep things green for a few months until the next application. Another task we’re working hard on is spraying the primary rough with a post-emergence herbicide to reduce the white clover population that has over taken some areas. The front 9 on the Orchard have been sprayed already. Greens areification went well this year. The night time temps were lower than normal causing a delay in the recovery time for some greens. What that meant for

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us was extra topdressing and a little extra fertilizer.

Below are the benefits of aerification

1. Release of toxic gases from the soil.
2. Improved wetting of dry or hydrophobic soils.
3. Accelerated drying of persistently wet soils.
4. Increase infiltration capacity, especially where surface compaction or thatch limits infiltration.
5. Stimulated root growth within the holes.
6. Increased shoot growth atop the holes.
7. Disruption of soil layers.
8. Control of thatch, especially where soil cores are reincorporated or where topdressing follows coring.
9. Improved turfgrass response to fertilizers.



Many of you may have noticed a few projects we completed. The Orchard bridges from #3 tees to #4 tees now have rubber matting on the top deck. We also

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secured all the loose planks and replaced any that were damaged.

The tent was installed a few weeks ago and the landscaping will be complete by the end of the month.

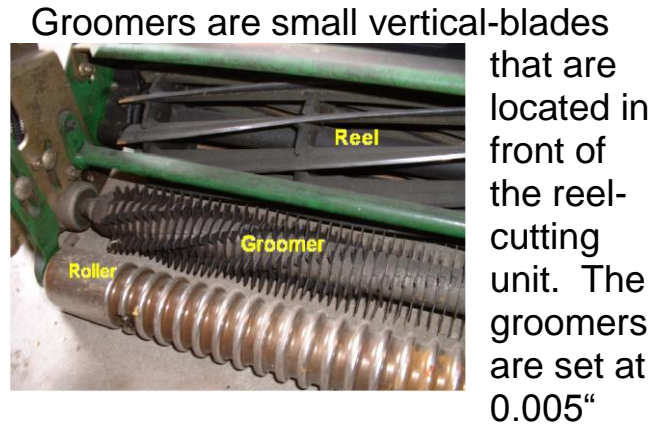
The collar restoration project has been completed! This was a very time consuming project, but well worth all the work.

Progress continues to be made on #7 Orchard. We removed the rest of the thin turf on the slope on the left side of the hole and put down mulch to finish the area off. We also removed more of the thin turf behind the green side bunker and installed new sod.

Lastly, a few months ago Lincoln Hills invested in some new maintenance equipment; four medium duty utility carts, one fairway unit, one rough unit and two greens mowers. I am most excited about the greens mowers because of the precision cut they give. The quality of cut comes from a 14 blade reel vs. our old mowers that only had 12 blades. The new mowers also came equipped with groomers. Groomers basically stand the grass blades up right before they are cut. This will also remove the grain that has developed in some of the greens.

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Here is a brief description and a photo of the cutting unit:



below height of cut. The purpose of the groomers is to provide a very light verticutting action to combat thatch, and to up-right the turf for a better quality of cut and elimination of grain. The groomers are operated each day except those immediately following topdressing. The use of groomers following topdressing would remove sand from the green surface and reduce the effects of topdressing. Enjoy some nice spring golf!
Jason Wolf- Superintendent

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