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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By President Dave Jansen



Last month I mentioned our upcoming Club Championship that is

being played toward the end of this month. John Vass has already sent out the announcement to sign-up for it on-line. Remember that if you just want to play in the just-for-fun part of it, it is just one day and will be played on Wednesday the 29th. To play in the Club Championship, it is played over two days (Tuesday and Wednesday). Then on Wednesday, after the two tournaments, we will be having lunch, paid for by our Club, an all members meeting, and the results of the two tournaments. I want to make sure you all know that our members meeting and lunch does not require you to play in either tournament to participate, so please try to put the 29th on your calendars, we would love to see a big turnout. Also, remember that if you are going to come to lunch, you need to sign up for it just like you would a tournament on-line. We want to make sure we have enough food for all those attending.

Our tournament schedule is now in full swing with nine tournaments and two NCGA events still to play. In addition, the Central Valley Seniors have just started playing with three Country Clubs

completed and eight more to go. John Engelmann still has some availability if you would like to participate in future play; so give him a call or email him. His email address and phone number is on our website.

With all this golf still to play, it is our job to ensure that the competition is as fair as possible. And of course I am talking about one big area, our **handicaps**. It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to ensure the integrity of the handicap system at Lincoln Hills. The USGA and the NCGA demand this of every club and from time to time will audit a club to ensure they have a process in place that demonstrates we audit our member's handicaps. Our club does this by having a Handicap Chairperson (John Griggs), check the Tuesday Sweeps and the CVS tournaments to make sure that everyone is posting and the score they post is what was reflected on their scorecard. Failure to have a process in place can disqualify our club from the USGA/NCGA. When John, discovers an error, he will notify the individual that he corrected his score. Remember, that your handicap is a measure of your potential not what you would shoot every time. Actually, you should only shoot your handicap or below about 20% of the time.

Dave Jansen

## TOURNEY REPORT

By John Vass



### The *Tournament Report*

Since our last reporting no tournaments have taken place. Our teams continue to compete in The NCGA Four Ball Competition on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our Zone Qualifiers in the foursome will move on to Spyglass Hill.

The two NCGA Four Ball Qualifiers are the twosomes of Walter Burke and Denis Niemeyer who will play at Mather Air Force Base and Larry Quinn and Lou Lovotti who will play at Bidwell Park. Good luck to our winners.

Congratulations to Bill Bowen, Jess Linville, Walter Burke and Denis Niemeyer who will go on to represent Lincoln Hills at Spyglass this summer.

### The Next Three Tournaments

Our **Club Championship** will be held Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> followed by a lunch meeting in the tent. Sign ups start on May 9<sup>th</sup> and finish on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Just for Fun Tournament will be held on May 29<sup>th</sup> that is a Wednesday.

The **NCGA Senior 4 Ball Qualifier/Just for Fun** (2 man best ball) will be June 4<sup>th</sup>. Deadline for sign ups is May 30. Sign ups start on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier/Just for Fun** a medal Play format will be June 18. Sign ups start on May 30.

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

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one Shootout." Paul Apfel was the first winner.

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 on the committee. 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](mailto:jvass@sbceo.org), or Tony Dipaola 916 253 3903 or [a.dipaola@sbcglobal.net](mailto:a.dipaola@sbcglobal.net). We will try to do our best to make things enjoyable for all.

*John Vass*

## MEMBERSHIP

By Rodger Oswald

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 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

## LHMGC Team Play

LHMGC NCGA Thursday Team Play

If you are interested in playing Thursday Team Play, contact

Tony Dipaola at: email [a.dipaola@sbcglobal.net](mailto:a.dipaola@sbcglobal.net) or call

253-3903

LHMGC Thursday Team Play Schedule for 2013:

All matches at 1:00 PM

June 13\*\*\*\*\*Home Ancil Hoffman

June 27\*\*\*\*\*Away at Wildhorse

July 11\*\*\*\*\*Home Timber Creek

July 18\*\*\*\*\*Away at Ancil Hoffman

Aug. 1\*\*\*\*\*Home Wildhorse

Aug. 8\*\*\*\*\*Away at Timber Creek

Tony Diapola

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### CENTRAL VALLEY SENIORS

By John Engelmann

Lincoln Hills will be hosting the CVS tournament on June 24 on the Hills Course.

We will have an 8am and 1pm shotguns We need volunteers to help run the event.

Please contact; John Engelmann 209-3736 [engelmannjj@gmail.com](mailto:engelmannjj@gmail.com)

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*

#### “I Didn’t Mean to Hit It”

After a round of golf recently I was sitting with the “Tuesday/Thursday Crew” my somewhat regular playing group and a question came up with respect to the following situation:

A player was standing close to his ball which was in play. The player was making a practice swing with his club. At this point the ball somehow got in the way of the player’s practice swing and bingo, the player’s ball landed in the water

of Lake Lincoln, a water hazard. The player had no intention of striking the ball and the ball was hopelessly not recoverable.

What happens now?

Rule 18-2a Ball at Rest Moved by Player, Partner, Caddie or Equipment, General reads in part:

Except as permitted by the Rules, **when a player’s ball is in play, if**

- (i) **The player**, his partner or either of their caddies:
  - Lifts or moves the ball,
  - Touches it purposely (except with a club in the of addressing the ball), or
  - **Causes the ball to move,**
- (ii) The equipment of the player or his partner causes the ball to move,

**the player incurs a penalty of one stroke.**

**If the ball is moved, it must be replaced**, unless the movement of the ball occurs after the player has begun the stroke or the backward movement of the club for the stroke and the stroke is made.

**Note 1: If a ball to be replaced under this Rule is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted** (emphasis added).

**What does “immediately recoverable” mean?**

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Decision 18/11 Meaning of “Immediately Recoverable” reads:

Q. With reference to Note 1 under Rule 18. When is a ball to be replaced deemed not to be “immediately recoverable”?

**A. When it cannot be retrieved within a few seconds.**

A reading of the emphasized portions of the above Rule 18-2a and Decision 18/11 provides the answer to “what happens now”. The player caused the ball to move, he adds one penalty stroke to his score and he must replace the ball. Inasmuch as the ball is not immediately recoverable, the player may substitute another ball. Thank you Tuesday/Thursday Crew for the question.

That’s it for now.  
*Jim Pinnell, Contributing Member*

## Sponsor Report

*By Bruce Hogan*

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“By offering Yamaha’s full line of golf transportation, and utility cars, this new partnership allows us to

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better serve our growing customer base and will help increase our market share”, says Derek Gilchrist, owner of Gilchrist Golf Cars. “We have been looking to add a new golf car line to our product offering, and we are very excited about this opportunity with Yamaha.”

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About Gilchrist Golf Cars:  
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**Gene Andrews**

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