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President's Report



By *Dave Jansen*

This year is really going fast. Here we are in September and with three great tournaments left to play, the year will be over before we know it. Along with the end of year approaching, we will begin looking for new Board members to fill the openings of those leaving. So please if you would like to give back to your Club and be on the Board or a committee, please see our Secretary and Chairman of the nominating committee, Bob Emge, or any other Board member. Fall elections take place in October and those nominated will be voted on at our Members lunch meeting following the Tournament of Champions and Just for Fun tournament on October 29th. Remember that you **don't have to play** either of these tournaments **to have lunch and attend the meeting**. The luncheon and meeting will be held in the Orchard Creek Ballroom.

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TOURNEY REPORT

By *John Vass*



This issue of the *Linksletter* will include reports on our NCGA tournament players from Lincoln Hills as well as reports on the Sun City Cup, Presidents Cup and The Battle of The North & South. We will highlight the Lone Ranger, our next tournament.

The NCGA Senior 4 Ball Qualifier took place on June 4th. Qualifiers in that one were Tony Dipaola and Bob Williams along with Dennis Beldon and Steve Brown both teams went to Sectional Qualifying on August 7. I am very happy to report that Steve Brown and Dennis Beldon shot a net 64 at Boundary Oak Golf Club to qualify for the 15th Annual NCGA Senior Four Ball Championship to be held September 23 & 24 at Poppy Ridge.

NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier, a medal play format, was held on June 18. The four qualifiers were Ron Cook, Brian Stowe, Dennis Beldon and Jack Drinkard. September 12 is the date of their Sectional Qualifying and we wish them the best of luck.

Our four-man team of Bill Bowen, Ron Cook, Walter Burks and Denis Niemeyer qualified for the 2013 Zone Championship at Spyglass Hill and Del Monte Golf Club. They shot a good 31 under par in the two-day competition. 31 under par (257) tied for tenth. The winners shot 44 under for a two best balls in the two-day competition. The Sun City Cup was won by Lincoln Hills (average of 71.36) over Timber Creek (average of 72.61). The Cup currently resides in the pro shop for all to see. It will be engraved shortly to mark our victory in 2013. The battle between Sun City Lincoln Hills and Sun City Roseville will continue in 2014.

The President's Cup Match Play Tournament continues with the flight winners competing for the Presidents Cup. The flight winners are as follows congratulations to all for their fine play.

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First Flight: Rich Albright
 Second Flight: Gene Andrews
 Third Flight: Tom Malone
 Fourth Flight: John Duggan

The North/South Tournament was a two-man best ball competition with plenty of low scores and plenty of prizes. The North defeated the South by a musket ball. The North had an average score of 61.1852 while the South scored an average of 61.6296. The Rebels never forgive and never forget look out 2014.

Flight Winners

Flight 1

Roger Cummings and Bill Rapp -13

Flight 2

Jack Drinkard and Gene Andrews -16

Flight 3

Duane Hansen and Jack Smith -16

Flight 4

Chuck Edmonds and John Milbauer -15

The shot of the day took place on the par three 12th hole when Steve Mumma almost had the hole-in-one when the ball came to rest three inches from the hole. I heard several players as Steve if he made the putt (they of course were concerned with Steve's putting skills).

The tournament committee is doing everything possible to make your time in a tournament as enjoyable as possible. Some times little things come up but we are getting better every tournament. Thanks to Tony Dipaola, Les Hanson, Bill Rapp, Jason Hong and Bruce Hogan who served on the committee.

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The pro shop staff, headed by Jason Tompson, helps handle the quantity of players coming through the pro shop on our tournament days. The outside staff of Bob Williams and Fred Treiff have taken the time to set up the carts, distribute the score cards, and put the cart signs out before 6:30 AM on tournament days. I can say for all of us their efforts are appreciated.

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. or Tony Dipaola 916 253 3903 or a.dipaola@sbcglobal.net. We will try to do our best to make things enjoyable for all.

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MEMBERSHIP

By Rodger Oswald

Membership Update

For those who are interested, our membership stands at 278. In addition, those who filled out the membership application correctly yielded the following sub-membership information: 37 Summit, 139 Gold Rush (2 VIP), 13 PDP or Prospector, 8 Employees, and 55 CVS (actual total CVS count is 67). 51 indicated they were residents only while 27 left their application blank. In order to have a more accurate count for 2014, please fill out the membership application completely.

NCGA 2014 MEMBERSHIP – NCGA has announced that their early sign-up period begins October 1st. That means you can join our club AND the NCGA at that time and have a paid up membership for both which will qualify you to post scores and participate in our tournaments for 15 months. For anyone renewing, the cost will be \$81; for a new membership or rejoining after a lapsed membership, the cost will be \$91. The good news is that the dues for both the NCGA and our Men's Club remain the same for 2014. You can look for the new application forms in the pro shop in late September.

Rodger Oswald

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LHMGC Team Play

By Tony Dipaola

LHMGC NCGA Thursday Team Play

LHMGC Thursday Team Play ended the 2013 season with a 3-2-1 record. We were beaten out by Ancil Hoffman who had a record of 4-2. Congratulations to Roger Oswald with 9 points, Steve Brown with 8 points and Burt Swart with 7 point total for the year..

The team did very well as we missed the play offs by a half a point Thanks to all participating team members for a great season. We will get them next year.

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Superintendents Corner By Jason Wolf



I think this year's Labor Day surprised all of us, even the weatherman. It was nice to see, smell and feel the rain that day. It's been two plus months since the last measurable amount. We received ¼ inches the golf course, defiantly well needed. I don't know what it is about natural rain fall that makes the turf respond so well. Maybe it's the slightly acidic pH levels?

I'm sure all you have noticed all the white flags out there on the fairways. These areas have been seeded with Bermuda grass. We place flags there so the irrigation techs can see exactly where to apply the water to keep the seed moist. Ideally, we would like to set up an irrigation program so these areas would receive a few minutes of water every couple of hours automatically. Obviously we can't do that with golfers out there all day so we try to manually turn on sprinklers early in the afternoon for a few minutes. The germination rate is ok, it is just slower to pop because of infrequent watering.



Small Bermuda

plants #17 Hills



½ inch tall Bermuda grass on the right side of the photo #4 Hills
Bermuda grass is the best choice for these areas. Unlike the Common bentgrass we have on some fairways and approaches. There areas of bent are soft and act like a big sponge, holding the water in their thatch layer.

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What is thatch? Thatch is a tightly intermingled layer of living and dead stems, leaves, and roots which accumulates between the layer of actively growing grass and the soil underneath. The photo above is from #18 approach Hills. The portion that I painted white is where the soil starts. Above the paint is the thatch layer that holds the water making these areas soft and somewhat wet. Irrigation set up is difficult in these areas because if the water is turned down to dry out the thatch layer the surrounding “normal” area will become very dry and we may possibly see some turf loss. Unfortunately, these areas have to stay on the softer side. We have had discussions about removing all bentgrass in the approaches and installing Bermuda or blue/rye sod. This might be something we tackle in 2014. Right now we are in the planning stages.

Speaking of sod, soon we will begin removing turf on tees that have “camel back” tee tops. By camel back I mean an uneven surface from years of uneven topdressing. The process is as follows; Remove the sod, level the surface, install new sod and topdress. Right now I don’t know the specific tees, but we will choose worst and most utilized tee boxes. Feel free to give me your input on what tees you think need to be addressed. My email address is jwolf@lincolnhillsgolfclub.com

Enjoy the NFL season, Go Bears!
Jason Wolf- Superintendent

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We are winding down our season with three events to go, plus hosting the last tournament of the year here at Lincoln Hills.

We are making plans for the 2014 season and start sign ups in January

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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

Board Nominations

The By-Laws under Administrative Regulations (AR 111)
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Sponsor Report

By Bruce Hogan

Year to date we have 10 committed Sponsors. Each Sponsor pays \$625.00 to be represented during our tournaments. This added \$6250.00 provided by their Sponsorships makes it possible for the club to provide additional cash payouts over and above what would normally be budgeted for our monthly Tournaments.

In addition it was mentioned in last month's Linksletter that 3 of these sponsors provided extra Cash bonuses during the Member-Member Tournament. For those of you who missed that issue the sponsors are Coldwell Banker Sunridge Real Estate \$150.00 for the putting contest, Life Enhancing Dental Care \$175.00 for the Derby, and Southern Comfort Heating and Air Conditioning \$300.00 for the Long Strait Drive Contest.

We also have Mercer Tyson, Real Estate Broker who offers \$500.00 to the First hole in one of the year on his dedicated hole. Someone needs to step up and collect!

Finally Carolan Properties is providing a \$20.00 additional subsidy to a dedicated closest to the pin at each tournament. They will also offer a \$250.00 prize for A Hole-in-One during the "**SHOOTOUT**" prior to this year's Tournament of Champions on October 29th. If nobody gets a hole in one Closest to the pin will get \$100.00, second will get \$50.00, and third will get \$25.00. This comes to a potential grand total of **\$430.00**. Our latest Qualifier is Steve Mumma for his shot on #12 at the North-South

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Tournament August 27th. There are only two more tournaments left to qualify in, so hit it close.

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Rules Corner

By Carl Zierman

The Rules Corner #2

The following situation occurred while playing the 11th hole on the Hills course. One of the players in our foursome was on the green in two strokes. Before addressing his ball, he took a practice stroke and accidentally hit his ball. He requested a ruling but the correct action was not obvious, therefore he was requested to play two balls. The first was to play his ball from the new position and he was now laying three. The second was to replace his ball to the original position and include a one stroke penalty. In both cases the player recorded a bogey for the hole. After completion of the round it was determined that the correct ruling, according to Rule 18-2, was that the player was to replace the ball to its original position and incur a one stroke penalty.

Thank You for Reading the Linksletter each month. If you have comments please email me at

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Gene Andrews

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