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President's Report



By Dave Jansen

This year is just about over with one tournament left to go; the monster tournament. John Vass and his team have a unique twist for this year's tournament, so stop what you are doing and sign up for it on-line ASAP. John sent out a message about the tournament with a link you can click on that takes you right to the sign up page. Otherwise go to our website at LHMGC.com. Hopefully the weather is going to continue to be nice for this tournament.

We had a great turnout for our last members meeting of the year and hopefully everyone enjoyed the luncheon. For those that did not attend, you will be happy to know that the Board nominated two men to replace the two outgoing members (myself and Bruce Hogan) and the members voted unanimously to accept those nominated. A new President and Sponsor Chairman will be selected at a special meeting in December by the new Board. I want to thank Bob Emge, the nominating committee chairman, for the great job he did in managing this process.

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TOURNEY REPORT

By John Vass



This issue of the *Linksletter* will include reports on the Pinehurst and Tournament of Champions. We will highlight The Monster, our next tournament.

The **Pinehurst** Tournament took place on October 8th. It was a

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flighted tournament with a fun format. Lots of players commented on how much they enjoyed the tournament. The tournament had 51 teams, 102 players. We will keep it next year. Now to the winners:

PINEHURST

First Flight

1st Net Bill Bowen/Walter Burke 65

1st Gross Joe Fahey/Steve Mumma 79

Second Flight

1st Net Bob Bonomini/Ron Hartman 67

1st Gross Phillip Steinbock/Jock Drinkard

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Third Flight

1st Net Ed Dell/James McCarthy 65

1st Gross Herb Ingraham/James Page 83

Fourth Flight

1st Net Simon Palaron/Al Martig 63

The [Tournament of Champions](#) on October 29th, turned out to be a challenging and complicated tournament to organize and run. The tournament committee came through with flying colors. We will work on streamlining the tournament for next year. In the [Tournament of Champions](#) the winners were as follows:

First Flight

1st Net Steve Brown 61

1st Gross Joe Angel 73

Second Flight

1st Net Jack Smith

Third Flight

1st Net James McCarthy 67

The Just for Fun Tournament of Champions

First Flight

Tony Dipaola 66

Second Flight

Paul Krow 63

Third Flight

Roger Corley 65

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Fourth Flight

Sandy Merola 65

The best round of the day was shot by Frank Burkhead. Frank shot a gross 71. Frank played in the Just for Fun and finished third in the net division.

Our next tournament is the **MONSTER**.

This years **MONSTER** includes three formats that change each six holes:

Holes 1 through 6: Two-Man Best Ball.

Both partners play the hole and the best net score is selected as the team score.

Holes 7 through 12: Two-Man Scramble.

Both players tee off and select the best shot and play from that spot. Both players hit from the selected spot. Continue selecting the best shot until the ball is in the hole.

Holes 13 Through 18: Alternate Shot.

Select a player to tee off with a single ball and alternate shots until the ball is in the hole. The next drive is taken by the player to hit next in the progression.

The **MONSTER** is a *two-man* flighted tournament with prizes for winners in each flight. Team prizes and close to the pin prizes will be awarded. Sign up before Thursday, November 7.

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 serve on the committee. Welcome Steve Mumma who has just volunteered to be on the committee.

As always if you have any suggestions to improve our tournaments or if you 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@

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MEMBERSHIP

By Rodger Oswald

2014 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

The pre-2014 registration period continues. By registering now (prior to January 1), current members can register for NCGA as well as for our Men's Club for \$81. Registration after January 1 will increase to \$91. Registration cards are in the pro shop; you can leave the registration form and check in the Men's Club box in the pro shop (opposite the

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recording computer) or you can mail them to Rodger Oswald; 2084 Caravelle Ct; Lincoln, CA 95648. THIS WOULD BE A GREAT TIME TO ENCOURAGE ONE OF YOUR NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS OR GOLFING BUDDIES TO JOIN OUR CLUB.

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Superintendents Corner **By Jason Wolf**

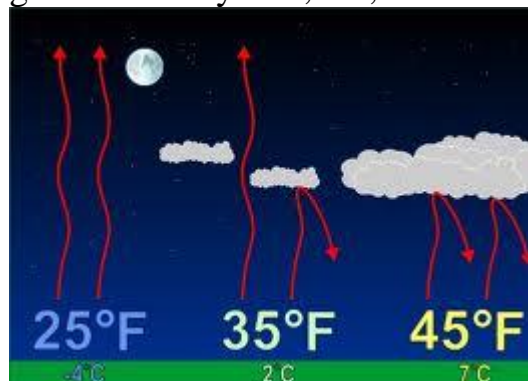


A chill in the air.

The chill can sometimes lead to frost. The past few mornings we have seen lows reaching 32-34 causing frost to set in close to sunrise. It may not seem that cold standing in front of the golf shop, but I assure you it is that cold and there is frost on the golf course. It is an inconvenience for maintenance too, not just golfers. Frost is basically frozen dew that has crystallized on the grass, making it hard and brittle. A grass blade is actually 90 percent water, therefore it also freezes. Because of the short mowing height and fragile nature of the turf, putting greens are most affected by frost. Walking on frost-covered greens causes the plant to break and cell walls to rupture, thereby losing its ability to function normally. When the membrane is broken, much like an egg, it cannot be put back together. Golfers who ignore frost delays will not see immediate damage. The proof generally comes 48-72 hours later as the plant leaves turn brown and die. The result is a thinning of the putting surface and a weakening of the plant. The greens in turn become more susceptible to disease and weeds. While it may not appear to be much of an issue if a foursome begins play early on frost covered greens, consider the number of footprints that may occur on any given hole by one person is approximately 60. Multiply that by 18 holes with an average of 200 rounds per

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day and the result is 216,000 footprints on greens in a day or 6,480,000 in a month.



Clear nights usually lead to frost. Clouds act like a blanket holding in the warmth. Frozen Turf



← Walking on frost causes black footprints

Our next project we will be working on is the installation of a hitting mat on the driving range. This mat will span the entire width of the tee box. The great thing about this mat is the fact that golfers will be able to tee-up a ball using a normal tee. We will incorporate this in with our normal practice locations calling it “mat only day”. By mat only I mean that the mat is the only area where golfers will be able to tee off from that day. This will help

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with recovery of the turf, giving it a much needed break. We plan to have this installed by January 1st.



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I hope everyone enjoyed playing in the CVS tournaments. We just finished hosting the replacement tournament for the one that was rained out in June. It was the last CVS event of the year.

We are now getting ready for 2014; sign-up cards will be available in Jan 2014. Our schedule for next year follows:

SIERRA VIEW COUNTRY CLUB	APRIL 14	
TIMBER CREEK CLUB	APRIL 28	
CAMERON PARK COUNTRY CLUB	MAY 05	
EL MACERO COUNTRY CLUB	MAY 19	
WOODBRIIDGE COUNTRY CLUB	JUNE 09	
PEACH TREE COUNTRY CLUB	JUNE 23	
VALLEY HIGH COUNTRY CLUB	JULY 07	
STOCKTON COUNTRY CLUB	JULY 21	
RANCHO MURIETA		AUG
04		
NORTH RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB	AUG 18	
LINCOLN HILLS		SEPT
08		
YOLO FLIERS GOLF CLUB	SEPT 22	

John Engelmann
CVS Director

Rules Corner

By Carl Zierman

It seems appropriate that with the first good rain that we should review Rule 25-2, Embedded Ball.

Most golfers believe that an embedded ball is automatically entitled to a free drop, no matter where the ball lies. This is not entirely correct. Rule 25-2 states, "Through the green, a ball embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground in any closely mown area through the green may be lifted, cleaned and dropped, without penalty, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green. 'Closely mown area' means any area of the course, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less."

Another misconception of the embedded ball rule is that some golfers think that you can drop within a club length of the place where the ball was embedded. The Rule is clear that the ball must be dropped as near as possible to the spot where the ball did embed.

So, relief from an embedded ball in the rough is not automatic. To get relief from a ball embedded somewhere other than the fairway, a Local Rule must be enacted.

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