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President's Report



By Gene Andrews

Hopefully all of members are taking advantage of our tournaments. We have had good turnouts for our first three this year and it seems as though everyone had a good time. Remember to thank each of the members of the board of directors. It's because of the hard work that these volunteers put in that our club is so successful. As our tournaments grow larger remember to keep up with the group in front of you so we can maintain a good pace of play. Good luck to all in the April Fools Tournament.

Please read the last article on what rounds you are supposed to post according to the USGA Handicap system and the rules of Golf.

Thanks and have fun Gene Andrews



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TOURNEY REPORT

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Tournament Chairman



Congratulations to Rich Long!



Finally! After two years of leaving the prize unclaimed, Rich Long ended the drought by making a hole in one on The Hills #16 during the Winter Slosfest Tournament. But, don't give up yet! Real Estate Broker Mercer Tyson, sponsor of the Hole-in-One contest for a once-per-year payout, has stated he will renew the \$500 offering this year if anyone from the

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Men's Club refers a buyer or seller to him that results in a sale.

Since our last reporting The NCGA Zone Qualification/Just For Fun Foursome on March 4th is in the record books.

The March 4th 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 four and a half and five and a half hours compared to less than five hours for the last tournament. 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 121 that is -23 for two best balls on the Orchard. Congratulations to Bill Bowen, Jess Linville, Walter Burke and Denis Niemeyer. On April 21 and 22 in the next round of play takes place. Here are the winners March 4 tournament winners listed by teams and scores.

2013 NCGA Zone Qualifier

First Place (-23)

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

Second Place (-16)

Virgil Dahl, Darrel Rindel, KenithNobert,
and Gage Johnson

Third Place (-14)

Tony Dipaola, Les Hanson, Paul Yeager,
and Bob Williams

Fourth Place (-13)

Mercer Tyson, George Wuschnig, George
Booker, and Henry Williams

Just For Fun Foursome

First Place (-19)

Paul Apfel, Robert Lucas, Bob McGrath,
and Doug Hinchey

Second Place (-17)

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James Page, Richard Yamasaki, Rich,
Kephart, and (Phantom Player)

Third Place (-15)

Charley Kendall, Jim Hoffman, Glenn
Arney, and Dudley Lewis

Forth Place (-14)

Ron Cook, Bill Higgins, Steve Mumma,
and Brian Stowe

Fifth Place (-13)

Rodger Oswald, Mike Hamil, Alan Elsey,
and Mike Munro

Sixth Place (-11)

Karl Williams, Leo Sofianos, Wayne
Lynch, and Roger Corley

Closest To The Pins

Hole 4

Joe Fahey 2' 11" and Bill Bowen 13' 4"

Hole 7

Mike Munro 4' 1" and Joe Angel 4' 9"

Hole 11

Ken Miller 6' 3" and Paul Apfel 7' 6"

Hole 16

Ross Burkett 0' 0" and Bill Bowen 1' 4"

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." Into the shootout goes Joe
Fahey, it should be exciting.

Our next tournament is the April Fools
event held on April 1st this year. The
mixed format tournament should make for
a fun time. Sign up as an individual and
the computer will fix you up.

I think this comes under the category
"Did you know?" From the Handicap
Manual:

Scores made when a Local Rule for
preferred lies (winter Rules) is in effect
must be posted for handicap purposes

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unless the Committee (preferably the Handicap Committee in consultation with the Committee in charge of the course) determines that the course conditions are so poor that such scores are not acceptable and should not be posted. Individual players playing the course do not independently decide whether scores are acceptable because of conditions. If an individual decides to apply some form of this Local Rule, and the Committee has not invoked such a rule, the player's score is acceptable and must be posted for handicap purposes.

Post all your scores, even when playing Winter Rules.

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 Steve Mumma 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.



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MEMBERSHIP

By Rodger Oswald

SPRING REDUCTION. If you know anyone who missed the Fall “early sign-up” or has missed signing up in January or February for whatever reason, please let them know that starting March 1st the application fee for our club as well as NCGA has been reduced from \$91 to \$81. What a bargain!!

By the way, when former members were asked as to why they no longer belonged to the Men's Club, different Board members were told that the tournaments took too long to play. I would like to correct that impression. Our first two tournaments averaged less than 4 ½ hours. John Vass and his tournament crew have done a fantastic job of administrating the tournaments. If you talk with former members, you might let them know that those long rounds are a thing of the past. Let the past be past and come join the present! Great tournaments with great people in a reasonable amount of playing time. Great prizes, too.

Rodger Oswald

Membership

Superintendents Corner

By Jason Wolf



Soil amendment

Last month some of you may have noticed a very large truck driving up and down every fairway on both courses spreading some white stuff. That stuff was a soil amendment called crushed lime stone. Liming is the practice of applying an agent to reduce soil acidity (raise pH) and make soils more favorable for turf grass growth. Raising soil pH requires a quantity of liming material that is determined by the degree of soil acidity as well as the quality and type of liming material. Soil acidity is determined by a soil test.

What is soil pH?

All soils can be classified as acid, neutral, or alkaline. The degree of acidity or alkalinity of a soil can be described by a pH value. pH values range from 0 to 14. Any value below 7.0 is considered acid, a value of 7.0 is neutral, and a pH above 7 is alkaline. Thus, a soil with a pH of 5.8 is acidic, whereas a soil with a pH of 7.9 is alkaline.

Soils become more acid as pH values below 7.0 decrease numerically. In fact, there is a ten-fold increase in acidity for every decrease by one whole pH unit. For example, a soil with a pH of 5.5 is ten times more acid than a soil with a pH 6.5, and a soil with pH of 4.5 is 100 times more acid than the soil with a pH of 6.5. Similarly, for every whole unit increase in

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pH above 7, there is a ten-fold increase in alkalinity.

Ball washers

As you have seen the ball washers are off the course. We decided to send them out to get refurbished. They will come back to us sandblasted, powder coated and new internals installed. They are going to look great, this was something long overdue and we should receive them back in a few weeks. Also on order are new flags. Solid color this time; red, white and blue with a logo in the center.

Aerification

Just a reminder that the Orchard aerification is March 30th-31st and the Hills is April 6th-7th.

Projects

There are a few projects that will be starting shortly, those projects are:

- Pouring a concrete floor for the tent
- replacing damaged deck boards on # 15 bridge Orchard
- leveling and re-sodding the white tee on #18 Hills
- continue with dead tree removal

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CVS Report

By John Engelmann
CVS

We will be kicking off our season April 14 at Sierra View Country Club. Look for the sign up e-mail.

Our schedule is as follows:


SIERRA VIEW COUNTRY CLUB APRIL 14
TIMBER CREEK APRIL 28

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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



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Sponsors Report

By Tuck Halsey

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In the next month, we will have reached our goal of two new sponsors for 2014 as we welcome SCHAACK PHYSICAL THERAPY and INFINITY TECHNOLOGIES to join the Men's Club Sponsorship List here at Lincoln Hills. Mike Schaack is located right off Sterling Parkway near Raley's and are experts in Orthopedic Manual Therapy and Sports Rehabilitation. Cory Gilbert is the owner, president of home security/alarm systems and monitoring. Both do extensive work in and around this area and are welcome additions. You will see them soon under sponsors once they have websites up and running.

Message from the President **What Rounds Should You Post**

There have been questions about posting scores when you don't putt out, when you improve your lie or take a mulligan. The following from NCGA shows that you must post virtually all rounds that you play.

The USGA Handicap System and The Rules of Golf

The USGA has received many inquiries regarding whether rounds played with equipment that does not conform to the Rules of Golf are acceptable for handicap purposes.

The USGA's long-standing policy according to the USGA Handicap System is that scores made using non-conforming clubs or balls are not acceptable for handicap purposes.*

The USGA recognizes that it is a player's choice whether or not he or she adheres to the Rules of Golf. While the USGA cannot ensure that all players use only

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conforming equipment, the integrity of the USGA Handicap System relies on a single set of Rules and uniform equipment standards to predict accurately a player's potential ability and designate an appropriate USGA Handicap Index. It should be noted that over time the USGA Handicap System has allowed a few exceptions that promote the inclusion of some scores that are not played strictly according to Rules of Golf. These exceptions represent an effort to make it easier to obtain scoring data needed for formulating an accurate USGA Handicap Index.

Preferred Lies and Winter Rules

The use of preferred lies or winter rules is not endorsed nor interpreted under the Rules of Golf. But a local rule denoting the existence of such a practice is included in the Rules of Golf for the benefit of local committees faced with adverse course conditions. Scores made under preferred lies or winter rules will be posted for handicap purposes unless a club's Handicap Committee determines that conditions are so poor that such scores should not be posted.

Conceded Putts and Incomplete Holes

In stroke play, a player is required under Rule 3-2 to hole out at every hole. However, in some special forms of stroke play (see Rules 31-32) there are instances where holing out is not a requirement. When a player fails to hole out, in either stroke play or match play, the Handicap System requires data that is reflective of what transpired that will help in predicting potential ability. Section 4-1 of the USGA Handicap System Manual states:

“If a player starts but does not complete a hole or is conceded a stroke, he shall record for handicap purposes the score he most likely would have made. The most likely score consists of the number of strokes already taken, plus, in his best judgment, the number of strokes that the player would need to complete the hole from that position more than half the time.”

Mulligans

“Mulligans” are a relatively frequent occurrence on the golf course. But they are not recognized under the Rules of Golf. The USGA Handicap System doesn’t want to eliminate a round that has seventeen holes of valid scores if a “mulligan” was played on a single hole. So, for handicap purposes, the hole score made with the mulligan is tossed out and replaced with a hole score that is not considered out of the ordinary for the player, based on his Course Handicap. The player’s score becomes par, plus any handicap strokes the player should receive, on the hole(s) in question. A player with a Course Handicap of eighteen receives a stroke on every hole, so that particular player’s hole score would be par plus the one stroke, or a bogey.

Remember that by posting all your rounds you will be playing with your correct handicap.

**Thanks
Gene Andrews**